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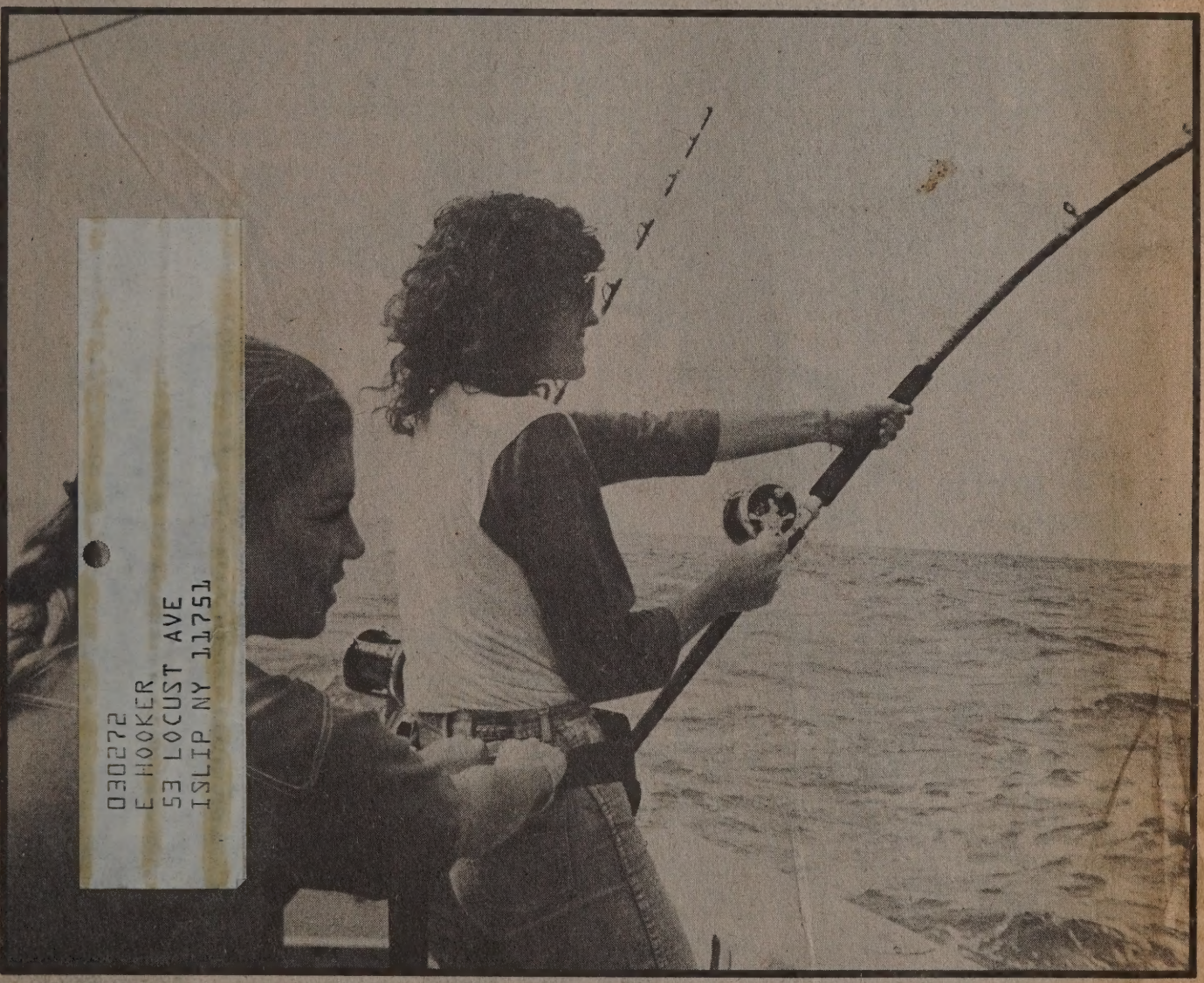

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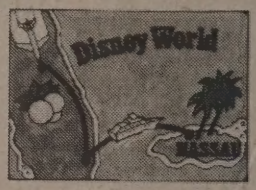

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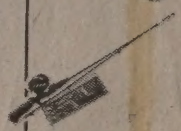

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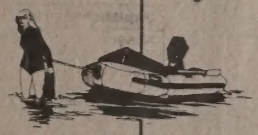

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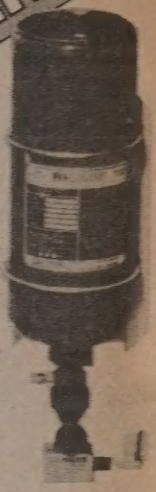

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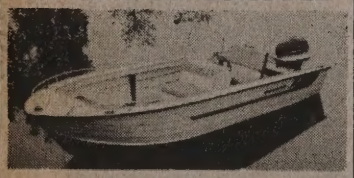

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USPS JOINS IN OBSERVANCE OF 1982 NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK JUNE6-12

After many delays due to the bad weather this spring, 60 million boating Americans are beginning another season of recreational boating on the nation's waterways.

National Safe Boating Week, June 6-12, calls attention to the need for those who enjoy boating to REMEMBER TO USE the skills and equipment they know about for safety on the water.

United States Power Squadrons (USPS), which for decades has conducted public safe boating classes, joins in this effort to help boatmen THINK ABOUT SAFETY on the water.

"Almost 80 percent of boating fatalities in recent years were due to drowning," Rear Commander Robert B. Malone, chairman of the USPS General Safety Committee, said recently. "And of those drowned, 75 percent were not wearing PFDs. In almost half of these cases, life jackets were at hand—on board the boats involved."

Malone suggests that people in small boats wear life jackets when they leave the dock or pier. As a result, he feels, a high percentage of lives now lost by drowning could be saved.

"Today's PFDs—Personal Flotation Devices—are not like the old shipboard life preservers with high collars and great bulk," continued Malone. "They are light, non-restrictive, good looking garments that should be a part of every boatman's clothing when he's on the water."

Recent statistics show that 75 percent of boating fatalities occur in open boats. Over half the deaths were on boats powered by engines of less than 25 h.p. or with no engine at all. Up to 90 percent occurred on boats less than 26 ft. in length.

There is clearly a need for boat operators to paul during National Safe Boating Week to review their safety rules and pledge to themselves and the rest of the boating public that they will eliminate bad habits that may have developed over the years.

With fuel prices stabilizing, it is expected that there will be more boating traffic this summer and therefore a need for greater efforts to curb accidents. An interesting and easy way to increase boating skills is to attend the USPS Safe Boating Course.

Over 55,000 USPS members, organized in over 450 Squadrons in communities across the country, are involved in the promotion of safe boating. Almost all Squadrons offer safe boating classes to the boating public. To date, more than 2½ million people have taken advantage of these classes, which cover such subjects as piloting, seamanship, aids to navigation, small boat handling, and Rules of the Road.

Most boating accidents are the result of a lack of knowledge, "knowledge that could have been gained in USPS safe boating classes," said Malone, who suggests that boaters call the nearest Power Squadron for the dates of classes which are usually held in the spring and fall.

Almost half of all boating accidents in recent years, according to U.S. Coast Guard statistics, are caused by four situations: operator inattention or carelessness, improper lookout, loss of stability in strong current, and striking submerged objects.

Although boats powered by human muscles—rowboats, canoes, kayaks and inflatables—accounted for only five percent of the boating accidents in recent years, almost 25 percent of boating fatalities occurred in oared craft. It is estimated that almost all of these deaths could have been prevented by the proper use of PFDs.

CONGRESSMAN LENT DISCUSSES MEANS TO KEEP CG ALIVE ON LONG ISLAND

Congressman Norman F. Lent (right), discusses means to keep current Coast Guard funding levels from being drastically reduced, therefore cutting back on the search and rescue operations that are provided by the Coast Guard. Pictured with Lent are (from left): Captain Bob Patafio, Secretary of the Atlantic Professional Boaters Assoc. and Allan Ristori, Executive Director Atlantic Professional Boaters Assoc.

EPA PUTS LID ON NL INDUSTRIES OCEAN DUMP SITE

In a victory for the sport and commercial fishermen, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency hearing officer has decided that NL Industries dumping of two million tons of sulfuric acid and gangue solids at the 15 mile dumpsite is a violation of law.

The overwhelming evidence presented by the fishermen and scientists at the Acid Dump Hearings has proven conclusively that the stained yellow waters from the ferric hydroxide flocculent (floc) has seriously damaged our once productive fishing areas at the dumpsite and its adjacent waters. Dr. Alan Pickaver of Greenpeace testified that floc, even at low dilutions, causes death of the common mussel, a major link in the food chain. That corroborated the testimony of fishermen, who proved that the fish migrations are deflected away from the "acid waters" and resulted in increased costs and lost business.

"I expect that the losing party will ask for an adjudicatory hearing to challenge the evidence" said Dr. Peter Anderson of EPA when asked how long it would take to actually

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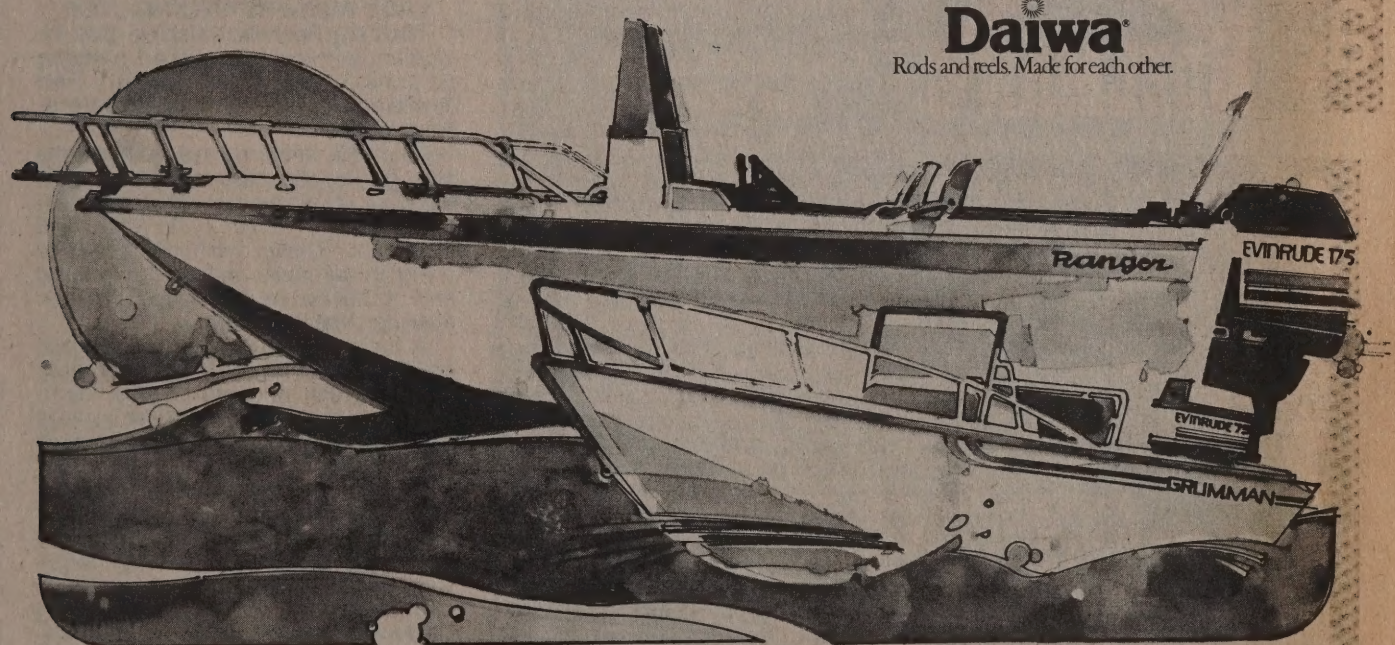

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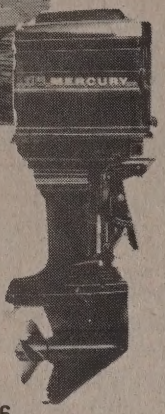

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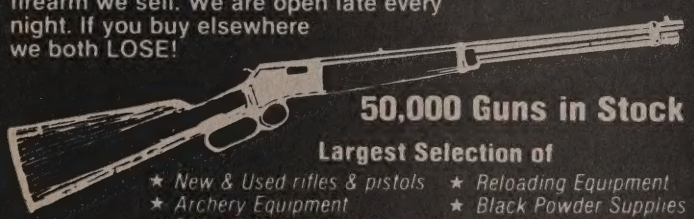

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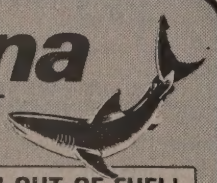

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Newly appointed Regional Administrator Jacqueline E. Schafer of EPA Region II wrote in a letter of May 21:

"Since the Presiding Officer's recommendations are, in some respects, at variance with the Agency's tentative determination made before the public hearing, I believe it it appropriate to reopen the record and allow the submission of additional comments by interested persons. Therefore, I am requesting that any interested person who may wish to submit additional comments with respect to this ocean dumping permit application submit additional comments no later than June 5, 1982."

LADY REELERS FISHING CLUB

The Lady Reelers, a fishing club for women, will hold its second meeting on June 3, 1982 at the Country Fair Restaurant, 3351 Rt. 112, Medford, New York.

Over 80 women have joined this club during the past month—women who live as far east as Southampton, westward to New York City and Brooklyn. These women have one thing in common: a love for fishing and a desire to find other women sharing their interests.

A successful club outing took place on May 8th, with 33 women catching 473 flounder on the charter boat, Capt. Leo D at Captree. Other outings are planned; fluke and weakfish charter on the Capt. Leo D in June. Club derbies for flounder and blackfish are in progress now with merchandise prizes awarded by Suttler Ltd. in Port Jefferson. Bluefish trips July-August.

Because of the overwhelming response, membership in the all-women Lady Reelers will be limited. Applications for membership will be available June 3. Dues: $15 initiation, $2 per month.

For further information call President Linda Panciarello at (516) 654-1424 or Press Agent Lorry Mangan at (516) 928-1347.

SURF & SEA ANGLERS TO HOLD MEETING

The next meeting of the Surf & Sea Anglers will be held on Monday, June 7, 1982 at the Forge River Boat Club in Mastic, at 8PM.

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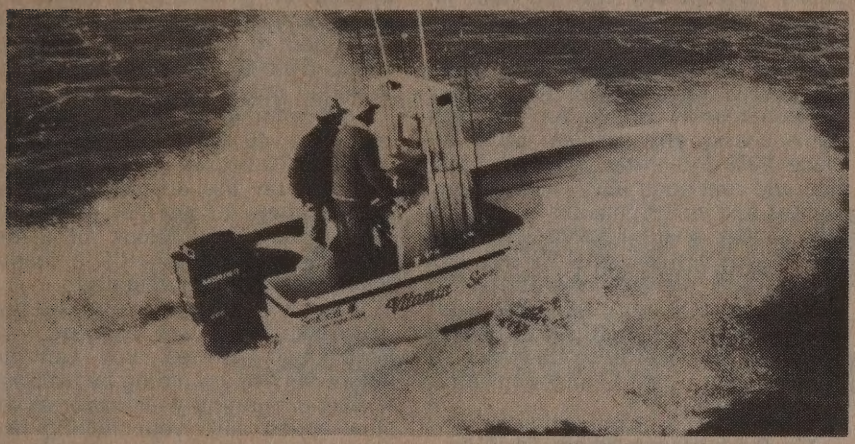

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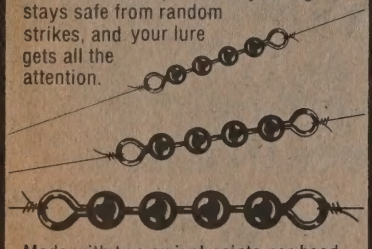

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And whether you are a small or large fish you would look for water in he 55 to 70 degree range. If water is too cool on the surface, you'd go deeper where it's warmer. If it is over 75° or more, you'd look for a nice, cool, deep hole or go under a shading bank, the Foundation stated.

If you are unfamiliar with the body of water you are fishing, the Foundation advises, you can find where the fish are hiding by trolling—rowing or running your motor at very slow speed with your fishing lines trailing behind your boat at different water depths. When a fish hits your line, drop anchor and fish the area thoroughly before moving on to another spot. Most fish travel in schools and there probably are more close by

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For examine, in "No Hatch to Match," master angler Ernie Schwiebert explores popular patterns to use when nothing is on the water. Gary Borger, field editor for **Fly Fisherman** magazine and a University of Wisconsin professor, offers tips on fishing the sulphur mayfly hatch, while well known writer/photographer Doug Swisher describes innovative still-water angling methods in "Lake Fishing New Tackle and Techniques." Gary LaFontaine shares his system for copying with caddis flies in "Caddis Flies: Problems and Solutions." Montana fly fishng instructor

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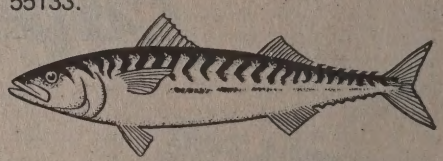
Bob Stearns helps anglers plan a Florida saltwater fly fishing trip, while Joe Reynolds describes fly fishing techniques for pulling bass out of hard-to-reach places.

The Scientific Anglers Fly Fishing Handbook also includes articles on trout feeding cycles, winter fishing, steelheading. Anglers should check their local fly tackle dealer for the 1982 Fifth Edition of Scientific Anglers Fly Fishing Handbook, or send $3.50 to: Fifth Edition Handbook, Scientific Anglers/3M, Dept. A, P.O. Box 33984A, St. Paul, MN 55133.



CHUM LINES

WHEN & WHERE DO THE MACKEREL ARRIVE?

When my daughter's boy friend proposed a May 3rd date for mackerel fishing at Port Jefferson on Long Island Sound, and Sheepshead Bay party boat skippers told me that the macks then were below the Klondike Banks off the south New Jersy shore, I was confused. "Everybody" knows it takes a (very) few weeks for the macks to come north to fill the L.I. Sound.

But the kid's party enjoyed a fine day's fishing on light tackle and brought home fat macks loaded with delicious roe and milt.

To add to my confusion, Andy Regina's fine May 8th LIF article confirmed that Long Island Sound anglers "have to wait a little longer for macks to arrive."

Yet, page 61 fishing reports in the same issue tell about "mackerel herds" being caught both in the Sound and "off New Jersey, with about an hour's ride necessary" from the New York Bight.

Would you please explain why the macks are in both places at the same time? *Robert J. Luthmann, Staten Island, NY.*

Don't be confused, and I hope I don't add to your confusion. However, I'll give it a try. In general, the macks move up from southern waters

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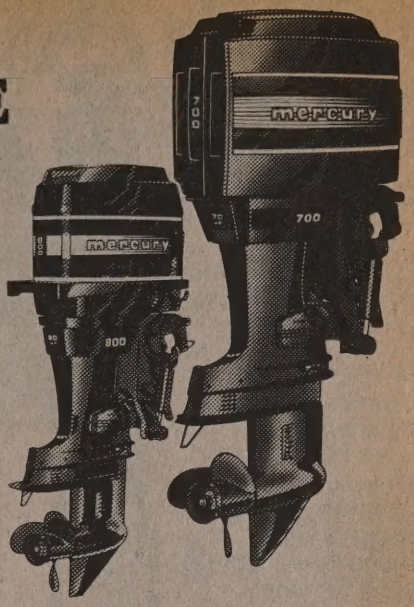

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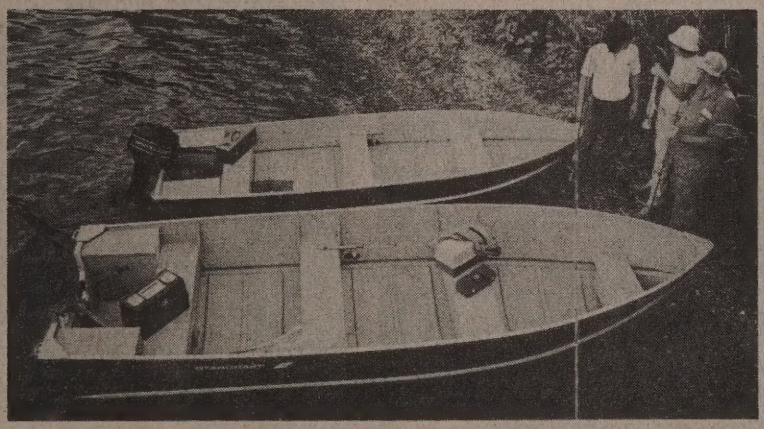

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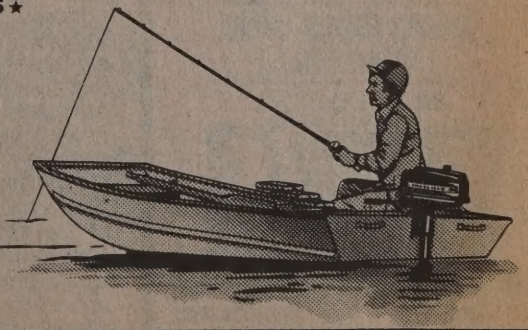

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compelled by warming temperature and the search for food. Mackerel can swim fast so that they can cover a lot of ground in a relatively short period of time. Thus, they can be off New Jersey one day and off southern Long Island the next. In general, the macks arrive in the south shore ocean shortly after they start catching them off New Jersey. That's usually in the third week in April. However, if the spring is very cold—as it was this year—their arrival can be delayed. Also, the macks may arrive on time but may be some distance off the beach and their presence may go undetected. Party boats may chose not to sail for them since the "run" to the grounds is too long and because flounder may be abundant at that time. The advance scout schools can simultaneously arrive in Peconic Bay and in Long Island Sound, but it can be a week or more before there are enough macks in Long Island Sound and before they begin eating heavily. This can explain the delay between good catches in the south shore ocean and Long Island Sound. Furthermore, because the waters of Long Island Sound warm slowly in the spring and because in recent years there have been so many sand eels in the Sound, the macks have lingered longer than they do in the south shore ocean. In 1979, I believe the macks stayed in the Sound into the first week in July. That was unusual, and typically they are mostly gone by early June in the Sound. Dr. W.A. Muller.

COPY OF A TYPICAL LETTER TO ASSEMBLYMAN KREMER

Dear Mr. Kremer: I'm writing to let you know that I strongly support any bill which would prevent the netting of fish within 1,000 feet of our state parks. Thank you. Sincerely, *Dolores Nevins & James Kottnauer, Jamaica, New York.*

Thanks for the letter Dolores and James. We think that people like you who take the time to write when we ask, are the greatest. We'll need your help again and we feel certain that we can count on your support. Our very best. Dr. W.A. Muller.

WHY ME?

So far my biggest obstacle in the fishing game is getting over seasickness. So far I found that with the proper rest, an empty stomach and a motion sickness pill I have been able to withstand the rigors of the sea much better. However, I still don't understand why some people get this terrible nausea and others don't. I can't remember seeing any articles on the dreaded seagoing disease. Please enlighten me on the whys and how-comes of seasickness. *Chum Line Charlie*

Well, Charlie, seasickness, or mal-de-mer, is one of those funny phenomena of life. Oh, it isn't funny when you're sick as a dog, but it is funny peculiar as a sickness. First, it isn't caused by an infective agent, it isn't the result of some strange pathology (usually), and it isn't permanent. Some have said there are psychological overtones to seasickness and others have said it is a result of physical differences among humans. There is also the group that says seasickness is related to what you ate before the trip and what you did before the boat trip. Probably there is some truth to all of this. That is, there are probably some minor differences in the anatomy of those portions of the ear and brain that control balance and thus, some folks have a tendency to seasickness, while others don't. What you have eaten and what you have done the hours and day before the boat trip should have an effect. If you have eaten too much, drank too much, and stayed up too late the night before, you will be tired and not at your best. Therefore, there will be a tendency towards general malaise which should help the seasickness along very, very well. To minimize the possibilities for developing mal-de-mer, one should get a sound night's sleep, eat foods that are not too rich the day before, have a simple breakfast that isn't high in fats, avoid alcoholic beverages, and avoid alcohol and heavy foods on the boat. There is good reason to believe there are psychological reasons for seasickness. It is easy to understand how a person who becomes seasick on their first trip will remember that misery clearly and could develop anxiety prior to the next trip. Anxiety can be a powerful force. It can change body chemistry and lead to seasickness. For the psychological victim the best therapy is not medication, but activity. Such people should avoid trips when the wind is up, and once on the boat keep as busy as possible. Get yourself into the activities on the boat and your mind off yourself. I'm a sufferer and believe me, I know how miserable it is to be seasick. I have found that if I avoid the ocean I can handle most situations in bays and sounds. Once in awhile I have to make an ocean trip. I try to accept the situation. I keep my stomach empty so that the retching isn't too bad. I have found that if I relax, I can handle most seasick situations. I may not feel tiptop, but I can take pictures and fish under most circumstances.

There is hope. A new product was developed for NASA to help astronauts cope with motion sickness. Field studies suggest the product is very effective. It is called Trans-Derm Five. These are discs that one places behind the ear and the disc provides a steady amount of an effective anti-motion drug into the blood through the skin. The drug has been available by prescription ONLY since last summer. If you are a persistant sufferer, consult your physician on the use of Trans-Derm Five. Dr. W.A. Muller.

HURRAH FOR MATT AHERN!

WOW!! Three weeks in a row Matt Ahern's column appeared in The Long Island Fisherman. WHAT HAPPENED? Have we regained our

sense. No!! Let us not be premature, for lo and behold—no Matt in Issue #17.

Has The Long Island Fisherman reached a point in sophistication that it no longer appreciates down to earth writings of such a talented individual. I don't know what effect his absence has on your readership, but I dare say it must be suffering. *Salvatore F. Agliano, Bklyn., NY*

It is clear that there are still some folks out there who are disturbed about our change in format. We indicated in the very beginning that old familiar names would continue to write for LIF. It is true that some writers do not appear every week and although you see this as a mistake when it comes to Matt Ahern, there are advantages for the writer, the reader, and LIF. The writer isn't confined to precise deadlines and that writer can explore new ideas and new ways of presenting those ideas. It stands to reason that if a writer is good he or she can offer even better stories when there is a break now and then for recharging of the think-tank. The reader benefits with better stories and more useful information and LIF benefits when readers and advertisers are happy. We are eager to hear from those of you who still feel uncomfortable with the new format. We have certainly heard from those who like it. We continue to monitor this change and we'll be on the look-out for shifts in reader preferences. At this time the new format seems to be to the liking of most writers, readers, and advertisers, so we'll stick with it a while longer and we hope that you'll stick with us, too. Dr. W.A.M.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the staff of *The Fisherman* for continually providing pertinent and timely information for sport fishing in the New York area. Your editorial decisions to become a political focus on relevant issues and the inclusion of your publication's many "how-to" articles are to be applauded.

I am interested in advancements in the field of aquaculture, more specifically—the propagation and raising of finfish and, secondarily, shellfish, on Long Island. If your organization could furnish any leads that might be investigated for possible graduate study, they would be appreciated. Tight lines and many good sunsets. *Stephen A. Hiro, Nesconet, NY.*

Thanks very much for the encouragement. There is little question that the recreational fishing industry has been neglected for many years in coastal states. For too long conservation agency officials believed that the production of our oceans was so large that significant overharvests were out of the question. Then came the revelation that the overwhelming numbers of finfish are produced from the estuary to the edge of the continental shelf. Next, the experiences of foreign fishing fleets on our

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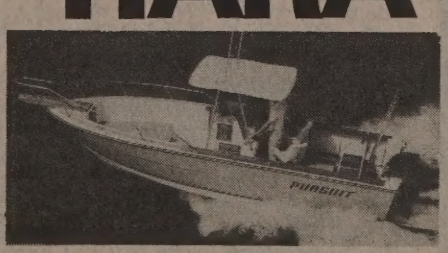

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shelves taught us that overharvesting is a very real possibility. Even with this knowledge little was done to protect the recreational marine fishing industry because most people in government and its agencies knew little about marine recreational fishing and considered us just a bunch of good ol' boys drowning a few worms. Recent data indicates how shallow that thinking was. In New York's Metropolitan Area, for example, there are 2.3 million marine recreational fishermen and in 1979 (last year for which data was available) these New York anglers added in excess of $100 million to the economy of New York State. That value for that year was TEN TIMES the economic value of the commercial industry. We can get things done. There are those who have committed to do the leg work. The real key will be how MANY OF YOU WILL WRITE LETTERS WHEN WE ASK YOU TO DO SO AND HOW OFTEN YOU ARE WILLING TO SPEND A FEW MINUTES TO PROTECT YOUR FISHING FUTURE. *Regarding aquaculture: you might want to call the City College Biology Department, 212-690-6800 or DEC at Stony Brook, 751-7900. DEC is trying to get a bottom leasing program started for mariculture. Finally, try Butler Flowers Oyster Company in Oyster Bay.* Dr. W.A.M.

COMMENTS ON SURF REELS

I've been reading The Fisherman for years and subscribe to it also. I look forward to it every week. I'm a dedicated surfcaster and weak fisherman. I also build custom rods. I'm writing in reference to the article "Now That the Crack is Gone." Crack reels can still be had, they can be bought in France for less than $60. I know another surf nut who travels a lot and last year he showed me a brand new Crack 300, two-tone green. Anyone going to France or knows someone who is can get one; so they are definitely not gone. Someone should import them; I know surf men who would give their arm for one. I own two Crack 300s like new, even though they're very old. I also have Penn 704 and 706, but the Crack is my favorite. A Luxor is also an excellent surf reel. Penn should build one like the Crack. They would make out quite well I'm sure. I would buy one. I have 6 surf rods and am in the process of building 2 more; 1 or 2 for all types of surf, spin and conventional. *Glen. F. Deiter, Jr. Hampton Bays, NY.*

You are absolutely right, but given that few of us travel to France and that at the present time the reel is not being imported, for all intents and purposes it is gone. From time to time there have been rumors that this person or that person is thinking about importing the reels, but somehow it seems never to work out. Our recent article was the first in a series in which we will be testing and reporting on big surf reels. There are two problems with this: One, getting the chance to fish so many different types of reels, and second, rounding them up for testing. We are trying. We mentioned that we talked to Shakespeare about the possibility of developing a reel like the Crack for the big surf and that so far our overtures have not been greeted with enthusiasm at the company headquarters. Local reps remain enthusiastic, but the company no. Recently we talked to local reps fromk Daiwa about the same topic. They, too, are enthusiastic but no response or encouragement from the parent company headquarters. I think we need to remember that the market for such a reel isn't very large and most companies aren't eager to invest in a product for a limited market. Our thinking is that often reputations are won, held, and/or lost on the quality of small market specialty items. That is exactly what happened with Crack reels for a long time. Dr. W.A. Muller.

RUINED FISH!

I've been a subscriber to the LIF for two years. I do most of my fishing on Sheepshead Bay party boats, fishing for flounder, fluke, blues, weak, stripers, blacks, and ling. I try to take good care of my catch by keeping it out of the sun, and I have it filleted on the boat. Recently I took some blackfish fillets out of the freezer that were caught in May. Certain parts of the fish had a yellowish-green tinge to it and a very foul smell. Needless to say, I did not eat the fish. I even soak the fish in salted water before freezing exactly as explained in one of the back issues of the LIF. My question is, how long can fish be kept in the freezer and can some species last longer than others, or what am I doing wrong? *Bill Wilcox, Woodhaven, NY.*

Most experts agree that fish put into the freezer should be used rapidly and most references I've consulted suggests a maximum freezer stay of six months. I have kept fish longer than six months, but I must admit that even if the fish had not spoiled, that the taste was not what it should be. Proper wrapping of the fish can prolong its life in the freezer. Now to the situation you mentioned. Your description leads me to believe that perhaps your fish was not wrapped as well as it should have been and part of it was freezer burned. Then there is another possibility. Although you took great care with your catch, it is possible that some of the catch was not cooled as well as other parts so that decay began even before the fish hit the freezer. Contrary to popular opinion, bacteria can grow in the freezer although their growth is slowed by the cold. However, a healthy growth of bacteria on a portion of the fillet may continue to decay the fish in the freezer at a slow rate. When you take the fish out many months later, quite a bit of rot has set in. Dr. W.A. Muller.

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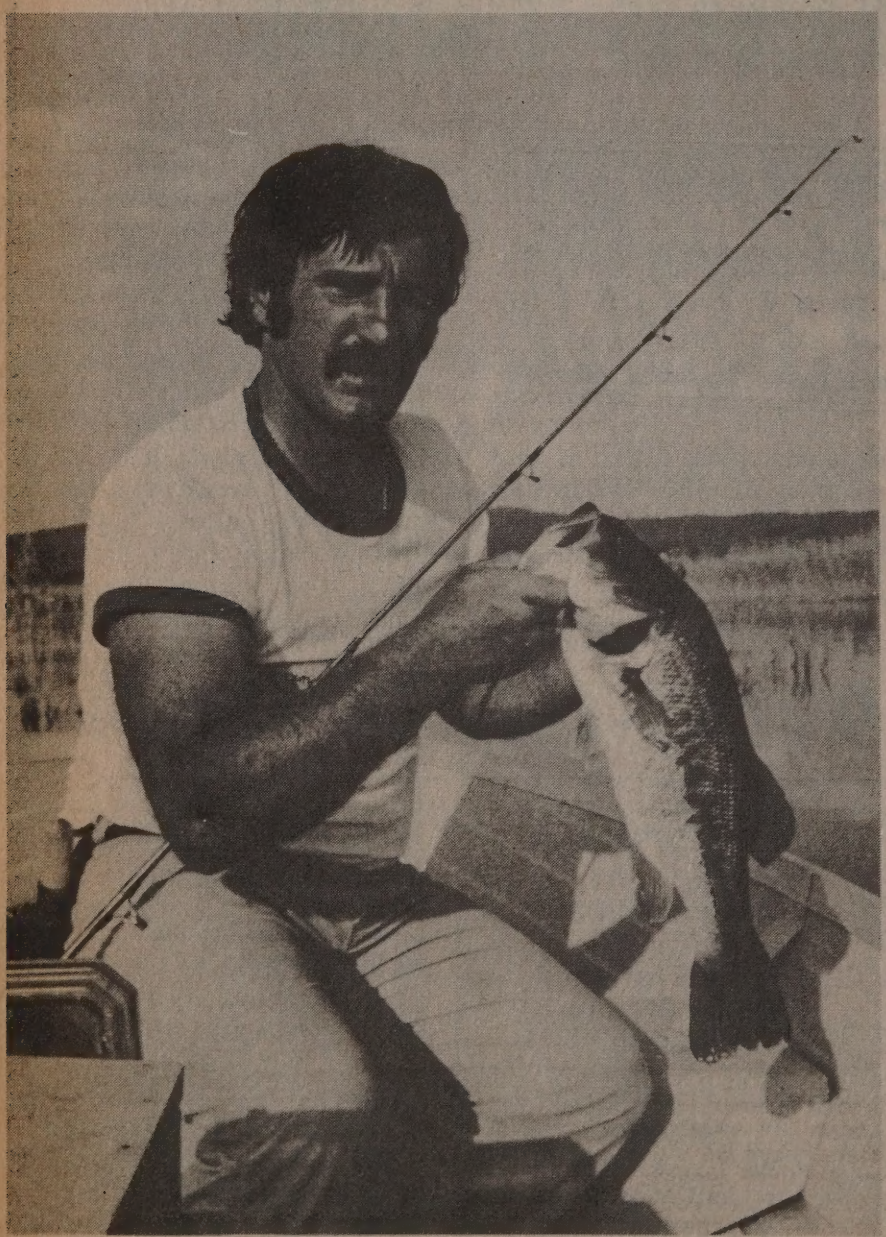
FRESHWATER BASS PRIMER

by Angelo Peluso

One of Long Island's better bassmen tells how and where to open the 1982 black bass season.

The 1982 Long Island black bass season is upon us. June 5th marks the kick-off with the final gun sounding on March 15th. The first few weeks of the new season should yield some respectable catches of bass. Many of the fish taken during the opening days of last season were scattered about on their post-spawn feeding binges. Considering the weather of this spring, you can expect to find good-sized bass in shallow water throughout the month. With the approach of the warmer July temperatures, the bass will tend toward deeper or cooler summer holding areas.



Largemouths over 5 lbs. are not as uncommon as some long Island anglers believe.

As the days begin to get progressively hotter, it might be a good tactic to plan out a bassin' strategy for your outings. One such approach is to fish the shallow shore line structure during the dawn and dusk hours and concentrate on finding fish in deep water come late morning and afternoon.

If you are able to locate the bass' deep water haunts, attempt to track movement to and from these locations. It is conceivable that given a knowledge of the migration patterns you can catch bass throughout the heat of the summer days. Incidentally, "deep" water is totally relative to the nature of the lake in which you happen to be fishing. Many of the Island's lakes and ponds are predominantly shallow water situations. On these lakes, any water below 5' can be considered deep. A lake such as Ronkonkoma offers greater variations and contains water to approximately 65 ft.

Before getting too far into this piece, I'd like to note that most fishermen are quite surprised to learn of the existence of freshwater bass on Long Island. As a matter of fact, most bassin' talk among anglers is usually of the striped bass. But in the course of "bass" conversations rarely does an unknowing angler assume that one could be referencing the largemouth and the smallmouth basses.

Much of Long Island's freshwater contains bass and both species, the largemouth and the smallmouth, experience excellent growth rates. The average Long Island bass tends to be slightly larger than its more northerly upstate cousins: a weight of approximately 1½ lbs. for the average bigmouth, with the smallie weighing in at slightly less. Growth rates for bass from different lake populations vary considerably. Many of the more fertile waters, and those having tidal connections tend to produce fish with higher average weights. Most bodies of water having saltwater outlets continually produce 2 to 3 lb. fish and have high catch ratios for bass within the 4 to 5 lb. range.

A significant factor relating to the growth rate of Long Island bass is the

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BODY OF WATER	LOCATION	APPROX. SIZE	BASS SPECIES PRESENT
New Mill Pond	Smithtown	109 Acres	Largemouth
Belmont Lake	Belmont State Park	26 Acres	Largemouth
Southard's Pond	Babylon	25 Acres	Largemouth
Lake Ronkonkoma	Ronkonkoma	229 Acres	Largemouth
Lace Mill Pond	Patchogue	51 Acres	Largemouth
Hard's Lake	Southaven Park	42 Acres	Largemouth
Lower Lake	Yaphank	26 Acres	Largemouth
Upper Lake	Yaphank	19 Acres	Largemouth
Fresh Pond	Shelter Island	32 Acres	Smallmouth
Kahler's Pond	Moriches	20 Acres	Largemouth
Forge Pond	Calverton	96 Acres	Largemouth
Upper Mill Pond	Calverton	20 Acres	Largemouth
Fort Pond	Montauk	192 Acres	Large & Smallmouth
Fresh Pond	Hither Hills	32 Acres	Largemouth
Hempstead Lake	Hempstead Park	166 Acres	Largemouth
Peconic River	Riverhead		Largemouth

NOTE: A valid New York State Freshwater License is required to fish any freshwater body on Long Island. The bass season on Long Island begins on the first Saturday in June and extends through March 15th. The daily limit for bass is five (combined for largemouth and smallmouth) with a minimum length requirement of 12 inches.

influence of the coastal water on climatic conditions. The physical characteristics of water enable it to react to temperature changes much more slowly than land. In an island-type environment the water acts to create a fairly moderate and consistent climate for the tangible land mass. What does this mean to the fish? Mild temperature conditions allow the Island's bass to feed longer since the feeding season has, in effect, been extended. It is, therefore, logical to conclude that the more a bass eats, the faster and bigger it grows. During the mild, early winter days largemouth bass still continue to actively feed on Long Island and can be caught with a relative degree of regularity. Many trophy fish are taken at this time of year as they begin to sense the lean days ahead and feed accordingly.

Long Island bass very often attain sizes that are considered large by northern standards. Largemouths have tipped the scales at between 8 and 10 lbs., smallmouths at over five. Though fish of this size are exceptional specimens, they are, nonetheless, indicative of the growth potential. As with other parts of the state, many truly large bass go unrecorded for one reason or another. Thus, it is virtually impossible to speculate on the odds associated with harvesting a fish of 8 lbs. or more. But it remains an interesting fact that even the smallest of Long Island waters have yielded their share of lunker bass. Over the years, Long Island bass waters have remained consistent and continue to produce an ongoing crop of good fish, despite the slow yet steady discovery of the bass resource.

During the past several years a number of significant catches have been made which illustrate the quality of Long Island freshwater bass fishing. Here are a few examples:

—an 8 lb. 13 oz. largemouth was battled to the net from the depths of Lake Ronkonkoma as well as a lesser 7 lb. 13 oz. bass.

—In two consecutive days of hot August fishing on Montauk's Fort Pond, a local bass angler caught both an 8 lb. 12 oz. largemouth and a smaller (smaller!) 8 lber.

—On a fall afternoon, an angler fishing a stretch of the Peconic River caught and released five largemouths each weighing 5 lbs. or more.

—One eventful opening day provided a lucky bassman with a 5 lb. plus smallmouth and two equally large bigmouths from east end lakes.

—A spring trip for two local anglers netted four largemouths each weighing 6 lbs. or more, with one fish hitting the 8 lb. mark.

—On a mild December afternoon, a persistent basser managed to catch a 5 lb. 12 oz. largemouth from the Peconic River. This is proof that Long Island bass can be caught at a time when their more northerly relatives have, for the most part, metabolized into semi-dormancy.

These are but a few of the many occasions where large bass have been taken from Long Island waters. The lunkers are not easy to get, but they are there to be tempted.

Bass fishing of this caliber can lead one to question whether Long Island waters are capable of producing a state record fish. Well, some largemouths have come close to the current 10 lb. plus heavyweight. One popular tale describes the capture of a 14 lb. behemoth from the Peconic River. An elderly woman fishing from the shore supposedly caught the bass using a live shiner and then dragged it home for the skillet, or should I say oven. The validity of this claim can easily be disputed by skeptics, but the thought is certainly sufficient to get any bass angler's adrenalin flowing. Most of the Island's avid lunker hunters would not at all be surprised at fish of 10 lbs. or more. Some even claim to have hooked fish of this size only to have them break off during the course of the battle. Though many anglers feel confident that a largemouth with the required credentials is finning its way around one or more of the Island's lakes, record smallmouth potential is another issue. Fish of 4 to 5 lbs. are not exceptional, and the smallmouth Limit on Long Island is about 6 lbs. The bodies of water that maintain smallie populations are rather limited in their ability to support bass in the class of the current state record. But bronze-backs of 4-6 lbs. are fish to be reckoned with, and are trophies that bass anglers in this region would be proud to land. Aside from the trophy bass, both the largemouth and smallmouth, that the angler has an opportunity to catch, sizeable populations of fish will allow for enjoyable and productive days of angling.

How does one fish for the freshwater bass of Long Island? Given the nature of the fish themselves and the structure of the lakes and pond on Long Island, the most effective way is from a small car-topped boat. An aluminum jon boat or canoe offer the greatest degree of practicality, maneuverability and ease of launching. This last quality is an important once since access to many of the more productive waters is rather limited. In addition, small electric motors can be

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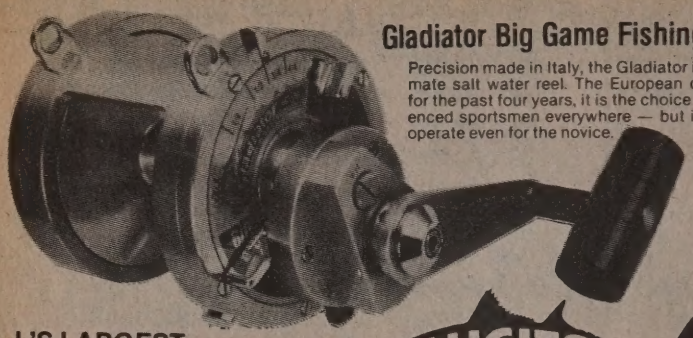

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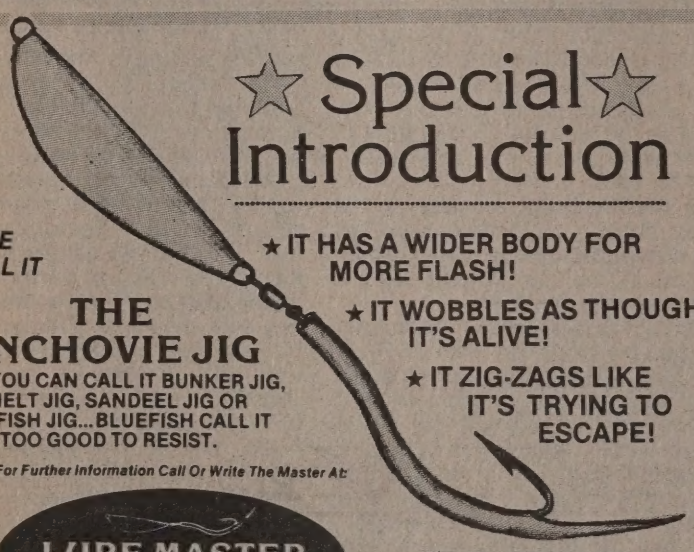

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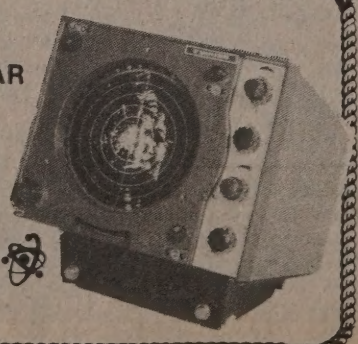

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The angling techniques for Long Island bass are really no different than those employed elsewhere. Bass habits and habitat, as well as seasonal considerations govern the type of equipment used. For instance, early season movements by bass into shallow water make practical the use of the fly rod and associated bass bugging techniques, as well as other traditional top water methods. The long rod can also be used successfully during early morning and twilight periods, since bass have a tendency to move to shallow water locations during such times. But during the heat of a summer's afternoon, the choice of a fly rod would, under most circumstances, be a poor one. Most bass, and I emphasize **most** since Micropterus is such an unpredictable critter, will seek cooler sanctuaries at this time and, thus, make bugging difficult if not futile.

Most of Long Island's bass fishing can best be handled with either spinning or conventional bait casting tackle. Both types of gear, if properly selected, will allow for versatility. The novice will often obtain the greatest benefit from a spinning outfit. The related techniques are so easily learned and are flexible enough to afford adaptability when confronted with varying bass situations. The rod best suited for Long Island use is one measuring 6' to 7' in length with a blank rating of either medium or medium/heavy. This type of action can effectively handle a wide range of bass baits including top water plugs, spinnerbaits, crank baits and plastic worms. It is desirable to obtain a rod with a two-handed grip. The additional leverage can be very beneficial when casting light lures into a stiff wind. One's selection of a suitable reel should center around medium--sized freshwater models, capable of handling line weights ranging from 8-12 lb. test.

If the Long Island bass angler is inclined toward the more traditional types of tackle, the choice would then be bait casting. The best all-around rod is one measuring 5½' and capable of effectively handling lure weights of between 3/8 to 1/2 oz. This range satisfactorily covers most of the necessary and productive bass lures. Match to this rod a conventional casting reel and you have a very versatile Long Island outfit.

Should you choose to fish for Long Island bass, bear in mind that the primary attraction is the uniqueness of the fish's existence. Practically all of what is caught is naturally reproduced. Unlike trout, bass are not stocked on Long Island waters. The bass, in essence, is a "wild" game fish, existing and perpetuating by instinct alone. It is this quality that earns "the bass without stripes" the respect of Long Island's fishing minority.

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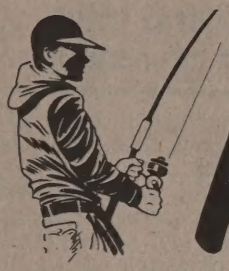

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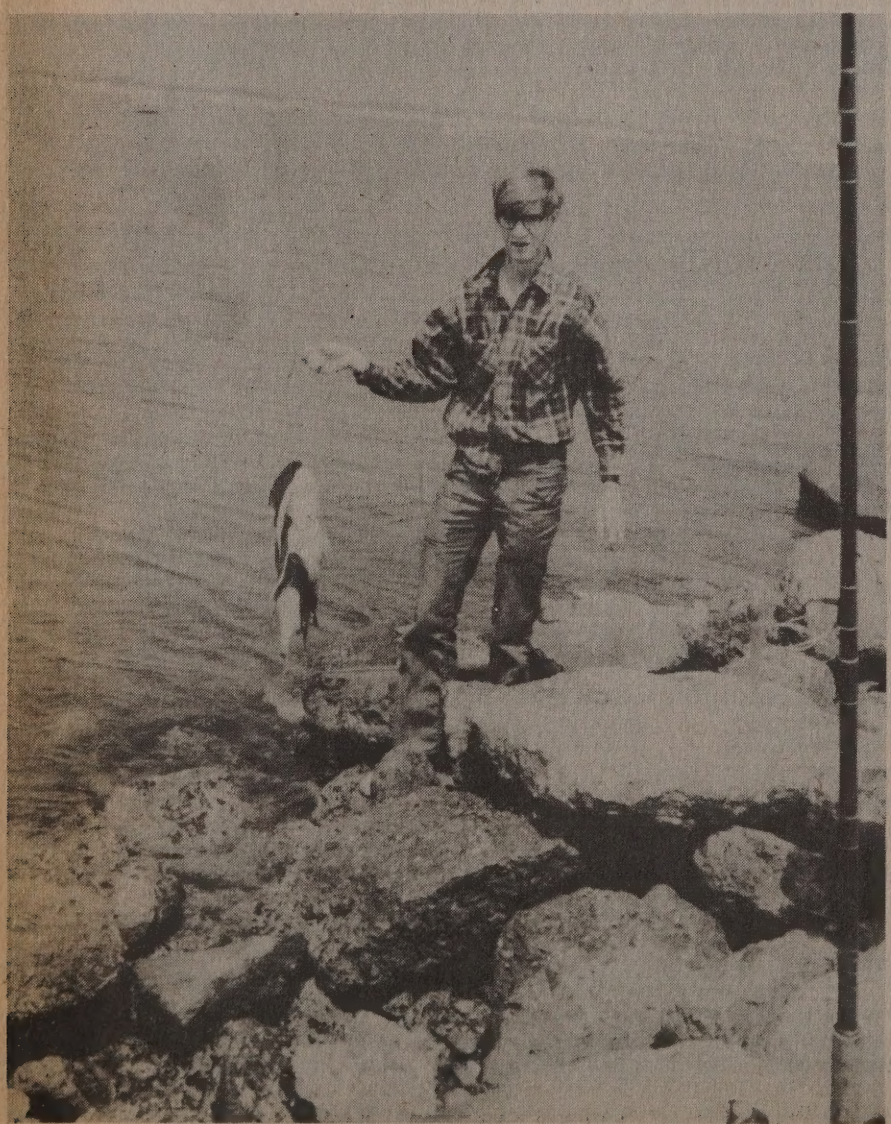
FAIR WEATHER FLOUNDER

by Herb Buch

Casters working Cedar Beach inside Fire Island Inlet take winter flounder throughout the month of June.

Surf fishing is a game of "feast or famine." Most of us are happy if we get one good fish, but usually get none. Cedar Beach is an area where, in the spring you almost always have a chance of bringing home the makings of a fish fry. No, we can't depend on stripers or weaks, although they may be around. The game is bottom fishing for the best eating fish we have: the flounder. You also have a chance for other game, but I'll get to that later.

I really do not understand the migration pattern of flounder. If they spend the winter in the bays, and are just stirring out of the mud in March, how come we have taken them outside the inlet along Cedar Beach at that time? This is spotty fishing, but everything is slow in March. The real action usually occurs during May and June, and we can explain this run. Most flounder do seem to leave Great South Bay in late spring. As they when the Island connected to the mainland.The other favored spot is the cove that is formed inside the Thumb.



A string of June flounder taken at the Sore Thumb.

If you walk east from the Cedar Beach overlook parking field at low water, you will notice a sand bar that is completely above the water and that angles in toward the beach as you progress. This bar funnels the water along the shore and you'll notice that in spots the beach is steep here with deep water right against the shore. This area has been most productive for me. At times, especially with an east wind, you may find that weeds become a severe problem as they collect on your line, on the ocean side.

I want to use light tackle here, with 1 oz. sinkers. I arrive about two hours after high water, and before I begin to fish, open some skimmer clams. I cut the skimmer flesh (the tougher muscle) into strips and at times, this can be an outstanding bait. Sometimes the flounder will come in quite close here and then you can chum by throwing the clam shells into the water. It is not unusual to take flounder of good size less than 15' from where you stand.

The other favorite spot is in the cove on the east side of the Sore Thumb itself. Some people fish from the rocks, but that space is limited, and rigs are commonly snagged and lost. By moving a bit away to avoid come out of Fire Island Inlet, they are supposed to be heading for deep cold water to spend the summer. In the process, it seems that a lot of them spend time feeding in the waters along Cedar Beach.

This fishing peaks in May or June, and in some years, even extends into July. Runs of fish depend upon too many variables to make any exact predictions. Nonetheless, you will surely hit some good flounder fishing if you persist during this period.

Cedar Beach stretches from Gilgo to the Sore Thumb. In my experience, the best flounder fishing has been taking place from the overlook parking field to the Sore Thumb area. Any place along this stretch can be hot at some time, but I have two favorite locations. One of them is the pocket along the beach between the parking lot and the Sore Thumb. The deep cut (old channel) used to be a favorite, but it was filled in last year

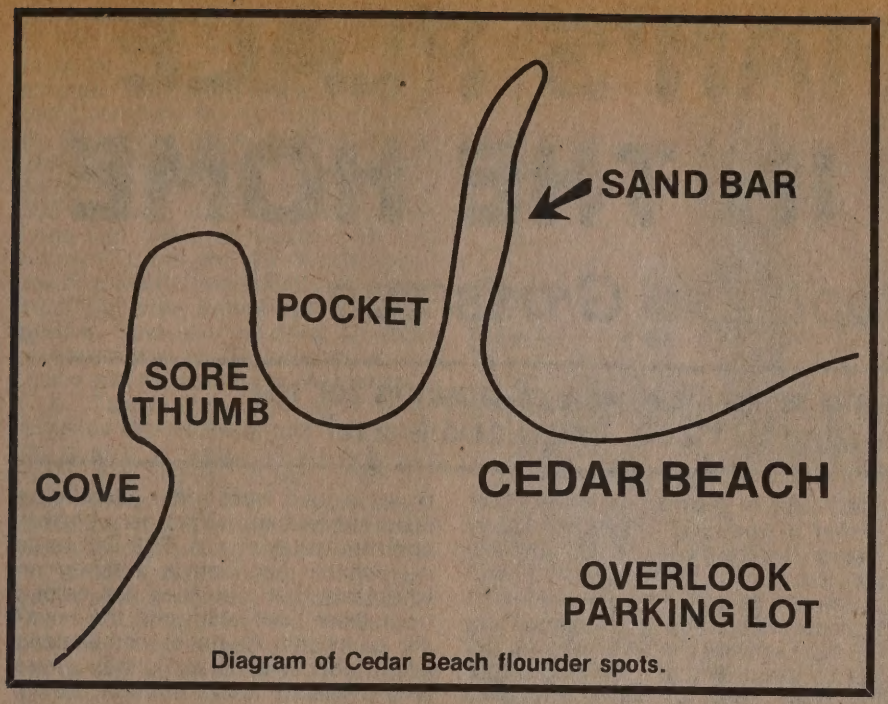


Diagram of Cedar Beach flounder spots.

loose rocks on the bottom, it is possible to fish clean bottom and there is no shortage of space. During a good run this stretch may be almost shoulder-to-shoulder with people, and all pulling flounder into the beach. You have to make a moderately long cast to place your rig past the dropoff. During the outgoing current there may be problems here, but incoming currents are deflected by the Thumb, and the area now enjoys slack water for six hours. You can figure on fishable water from about three hours before charted high water to three hours after that scheduled time. Chumming here would be very difficult, but when the fish are going through this area it does not seem to be necessary.

My experience indicates that the largest fish go through here first, and size diminishes as the run progresses. I wish that I could say that it was always so. Some years the run must bypass this spot or go through at odd hours. Other seasons will see fishermen congregated to take advantage of the abundant fish.

Fishing the beach for flounder requires some changes in the way you rig. A boat type rig, with tandem hooks at the end of the line usually ends up with both hooks twisted around the line or leader. A much better approach is a pompano type rig. This consists of a length of mono with the sinker at the end and two hooks: each one attached separately so that they will not tangle when you cast. You can tie two dropper loops in your leader and attach a snelled hook to each one, or use two hook attaching gadgets on your leader. Do not worry about your upper hook being off the bottom. Your line will be at a low angle with the bottom and it will never be more than an inch or so up. Flounder will not only swim up to a bait, but at times seem to prefer it. When you jig for them in a boat, you have often had flounder rise off the bottom, and they will do that here also.

Bloodworms have been the best bait here. It is always good to have at least two kinds of bait, so you can back them up with clam or sandworm. Mussels are almost impossible to keep on the hook when you cast. I have had better luck with fresh clams than with the dyed variety.

Most fishing at Cedar is done with the rod in a spike, unless there is a real spurt of activity. Flounder can pull the tip of your rod to indicate a bite. Another indication that many miss is the slacking of your line. A flounder that takes the bait and swims toward you will not jiggle the rod tip. There are times when flounder will be present, but not bite well on a bait that is motionless. At such times, you will have to hold your rod and periodically move the rig a short distance by lifting your rod tip. Very often the fish will take the bait just as you are moving it up over the dropoff.

I mentioned a chance for other fish. If you want to, you can set up one rod for flounder and another one with a floated leader on a fish finder rig to try for stray stripers or weaks. Both of these species roam the beach west of the Sore Thumb and are likely candidates. One man I met had a nice weak that he caught on a strip from one of his flounder. You usually can't beat fresh bait. Bluefish also roam this beach at times and if they announce their presence by biting off your hook, rig up with a wire leader. A float on the leader keeps the crabs from driving you crazy.

A concentration of fishermen usually means that fish have been taken at that spot. It is not necessary to crowd because the fish are usually spread out and there is lots of room along the beach. Do not be discouraged if there are no crowds, you may discover a hotspot of your own.

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A WOMAN'S PLACE IS NOT IN THE HOME

by Capt. Zac Grossman

Offshore fishing is far from out of bounds for the woman willing to "look, listen and learn."

Offshore ladies are not a group of bionic women possessing great strength and the courage to venture offshore to battle bluewater "monsters." Instead, they are that lucky group of women who have been given the chance to participate in this most exciting phase of the sport. I say lucky, because without being invited they would probably never savor this thrill.

There are very few women who own boats of their own and I've yet to meet a group of ladies that band together to charter a boat. They get to go fishing when they are invited along. Women who are devotees of this "man's" sport usually get their start at their father's knee. Husands and boy friends, for the most part, do not view women as fishing partners and usually invite them along as some sort of concession, often after convincing the boat's owner that they will not get in the way. Fathers, however, are different. They are more willing to share their outdoor world with their little girls and nothing makes them more proud than showing off their daughter's catch to friends. No jealousy here.

But when the little girl grows up, what is she to do about the sport she has now grown to love. What if she meets a man whose idea of outdoor sport is baseball, with others playing and him watching, on TV? Or worse yet, what if her man is a fisherman who feels that she does not belong "out there" with him and the boys? An occasional invite to come along when other friends bring their wives or girl friends is not enough. To be left on deck "drowning worms" while the men are within earshot in the cabin telling each other how they would rather be offshore where the real action is can't be much fun, especially if she has been told that she is really your best friend.

What, then, are the reasons for her

Sharon Witolin fights a huge blue shark as husband Richie looks on and mate John LoRusso stands at the ready.

being left behind? Let's analyze some of the myths. The most persistent must be the one about needing great strength to subdue big game fish. You can't compare the strength of a 200 lb. man and a 100 lb. woman, just as you can't compare the strength of that same man with the strength of, say a 500 lb. shark. So why have so many huge fish fallen in battle with frail humans? Check the IGFA records and see how many "monsters" have been beaten by puny humans of the female gender. Obviously the great equalizer is not muscle. It happens to be the tackle and the technique that beat the fish. Tackle can and should be adjusted to suit the angler as well as the quarry. It takes half the pressure to lift that 100 lb. woman onto her toes from a chair than it does to lift that man. If the tackle is matched to the lady, there is no reason for her to be uncomfortable using it. Lighter tackle and, therefore, lighter drag on the fish can prolong the battle and this may require some stamina, the ability and desire to stick to it until the job is done. Unlike strength, this attribute cannot be easily measured. It is a very personal trait and is neither masculine nor feminine. Do you remember the battle between the lady and the marlin that appeared in an outdoors show on TV last year? She fought that fish for 7½ hours, drank gallons of water, never went to the head and then lost the fish. Most men wouldn't last half that long nor accept the outcome with such style. Fortunately the average fight is not a marathon event. Good technique (knowing how to pace oneself without letting the fish rest) and proper tackle section are the great equalizers that allow women to compete in the offshore arena.

When I go offshore with ladies aboard, I'd rather not hook into such a huge fish; I much prefer faster action where all the girls can get in on the fun. I stick to the 30 lb. outfits or set the drags a little light on the 50s. What great fun it was to watch Joyce catch her first albacore. As it flopped around on the deck, she pointed at it and said over and over again, "That's my fish, that's my fish." What a thrill to watch Nancy's first yellowfin hit the deck after a battle that made every muscle ache, but couldn't make her say "Uncle." After watching Sharon beat two huge blue sharks, I loved it when she insisted on tail roping the third one herself so we could remove a tag.

Some men are over-protective, worried that their women cannot handle the seas as well as they can when it gets rough. This, too, has nothing to do with one's sex. I know a guy who gets sick just looking into a glass of water, yet he still keeps fishing. On the other hand, my closest friend's wife can sit below and read a book in the roughest weather—something I don't even relish. Again, it's the individual.

What about the myth that women

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Sharon Witolin ("Animal") and Joyce McGinley with five albacore up to 44 lbs.

Here Sharon lends a hand tail-roping her big blue.

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are too squeamish, unable to stand the sight of blood or the smell of the bait? This one is a matter of background and experience. If daddy taught his little girl to put a worm on the hook, no problem. Otherwise, some patience and support may be necessary in finding and bringing out the tomboy in her. If she can stand there, threading a hook into a mossbunker, blood dripping down her arm and still be accepted, even feel feminine, she'll take to it. I know ladies who are as comfortable and confident rigging an eel or cleaning a fish as they are placing a dab of Arpege behind an ear.

With all the myths exploded, what then are the advantages of bringing the ladies along? Offshore is an exciting place with new sights and experiences all the time. Now you can share them with your Best Friend. You'll find more to laugh about, more to enjoy. Risque jokes told to mixed groups are usually told with more finesse, are more thrilling to listen to and more challenging to tell. Then there is the reaction of the women to the sport itself. They seem to find it so much easier to express their excitement when battling a big fish than men do. The adrenalin rush that gives her the ability to do much more than you thought her capable of, also makes her eyes sparkle and her face glow with joy. Tell me that isn't reward enough.

Now some advice for the ladies. Let's say that your man has found this article lying next to his breakfast seven days in a row and has gotten the hint. How can you be sure you will be invited out again. The surest way is by being an asset to the crew: pulling your own weight as it were. Now there are tasks that require brute strength. Surely you are not expected to hoist a fish up the gin pole or pull it through the transom door. There are plenty of things to do that require a lighter touch. Basically they can be divided into two groups: skilled and unskilled. Let's start with those unskilled, but essential tasks you can quickly learn and be appreciated for.

As soon as possible after boarding and certainly before reaching the fishing grounds, take notice of where the various pieces of equipment are stored, ready for use. Notice the locations of the gaffs, tail ropes, pliers, knives, etc. This will come in handy in two ways. During the excitement of handling a fish at boatside, extra equipment is often called for by those doing the wiring and gaffing. If you are closest to the needed gear, get it and firmly place it in the proper outstretched hand. The deck often becomes slippery at the most crucial times. Be ready with scrub brush and rags to clean up blood or fish slime from underfoot. When the wrestling match is over and the men are standing around congratulating each other, you be sure to pick up all that loose equipment and put it back in its place. If a flying gaff was used, save this for last and bring

the now-unloaded handle to the skipper. Ask him if he would like you to load another head in place (if you know how) or ask him to do it so that you may stow the flying gaff in its proper location. Believe me, conversation among the men will stop as everyone glances around and notices the job you have done.

Skilled tasks such as rigging baits need preparation. If you have enough time before the day of the trip, head for the Public Library, or his library and read, read, read. Learn the buzz words of the sport. Read about the kind of fishing you will be doing and, most of all, study those chapters devoted to the skills you hope to learn. If you're going to be doing any trolling, hopefully natural baits will be used at least part of the time. Learning how to rig baits, much less handling them, will certainly impress the men. Just trying ought to gain you many points. Read "The Blue Water Bait Book" by Captains Earp and Wildeman, and the Penn Reels publication "How to Rig Baits for Trolling." Study how to rig those baits you know the men will be using and, if possible, practice at home in private before going offshore. Make sure you tag along to the store when the men go to buy baits and purchase an extra package or two yourself. When asked why, tell them you want to practice on the way out.

After rigging a bait, bring it to the skipper for constructive criticism. If necessary, get some help and continue practicing. When you've got a few that pass inspection, wait till it's your turn to fish, then ask if you can try some of your own baits. If you get a fish on one, it will be noticed. When your turn is over and your baits are left out there, dancing in the wake, you're a star.

If they only troll artificials, take notice of where each different one is placed in relation to the wake and be sure to ask why. Memorization will not serve nearly as long as a true understanding will. Ask to be shown how to properly let the lures out and next times it's done ask if you can help.

If you're going chumming, you can help with the preparations by chunking up the fish to be used as "slick sweeteners." Observe the different methods of rigging the bait. Notice where each bait is positioned in the chum slick and again, ask why. When a hot fish is on you can help reel in the other rods and stow them away. In general, be as helpful and enthusiastic and inquisitive as possible.

Camera handling is another skilled job. Learning what to shoot is very important. Action shots of not only the angler, but the crew around him during the final moments of the capture are exciting. Facial expressions can tell the story as well. A week after the trip when you show those photos or movies to the crew you will have helped them relive those exciting moments again.

If you're sincere about wanting to go offshore as often as possible, make yourself an important part of the operation and you will always be welcome. If the first time you can't get away you hear the men complaining about your absence, you will know that you are crew.

Back to the men again. There are also some semi-selfish reasons for taking the ladies along. If they learn to love the sport think how much easier it becomes to justify the expense, whether it be for your own boat, a friend's boat, or a charter (with her included).

There are advantages for you fathers out there as well. Start your daughters early and teach them to appreciate the great outdoors. Take them along on all kinds of fishing trips, even when relatively young. The visual thrills found offshore (whales, sunfish, turtles, sharks, etc.) will be just as impressive as the angling thrills and, here again, light tackle can be used to equalize the battle. A friend's 12-year-old caught a mess of skipjacks and a small blue shark without much trouble. This can free you from the "babysitter problem" and will give her a clean, healthy hobby to pursue which may eventually create the proper setting for meeting the kind of son-in-law you want to have: another fishing buddy, maybe even one with an offshore cruiser of his own.

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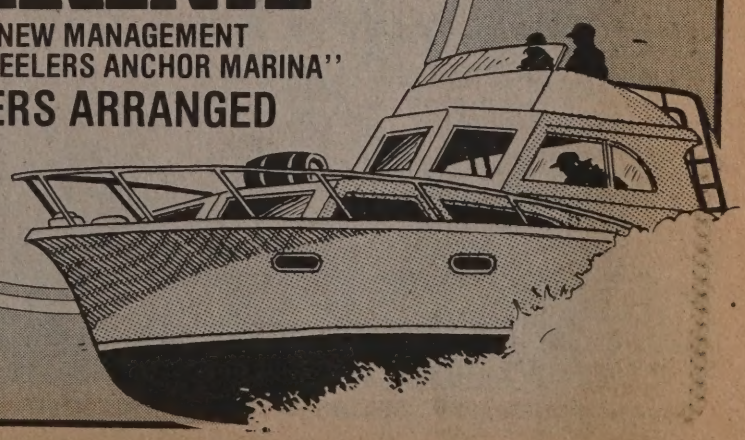

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BASIC BUNKEROLOGY FOR SURFMEN

by Jason Colby

This hard fishing striper nut, shares some of the secrets that help him take more trophy bass in a season than many casters take in a lifetime.

The cast seemed no different than the one before, somewhat awkward. I was, until this particular evening, only a "plug-caster." Soon after the bunker chunk came to rest on the bottom, I felt the crabs begin their dirty work. After a couple of minutes, for some reason, the crab activity stopped abruptly. I remember thinking, "Could the crabs have eaten all my bait so quickly?" About ten seconds after the crabs stopped chewing, the line was "snapped" rather violently, from its holding place on my right index finger.

As the line streamed rapidly into the Atlantic, I slowly counted to ten. Then I smoothly raised and then quickly lowered my rod tip about 18" to create a "second's worth" of slack to place my line on the manual bail roller of my reel. Cranking as fast as I could, I removed all slack and struck back for all I was worth. My rod bent in a deep arc and my drag screamed as oil splattered my face.

After a fifteen minute, knock-down, drag-out fight (including a quarter mile, side-stepping hike), I beached a 42 lb. striped bass. Not a real trophy fish, but then, I was only 13-years-old and although I had already caught hundreds of bass on plugs, my biggest was only 22 lbs. I was quite impressed with bunker chunk fishing!

I must have changed and/or varied

Bunker chunks, fished from the tips of south shore jetties, have produced many fine stripers for the author. Photo by Frank Daignault.

my methods of bunker fishing a thousand times since then and have settled on two very effective techniques: one for spinning and one for conventional tackle. Before I tell you how to use these techniques, though, let me first tell you that I honestly believe that if you have had trouble catching a real monster of a bass, then bunker is the easiest solution short of a trip to Cape Cod.

First you must be able to obtain an easy and consistent supply of fresh bunker. I cannot express to you how necessary it is for your bait to be fresh. When I say "fresh," I do not simply mean "not frozen": I specifically mean bunker that has died on ice, has been kept on ice and is no more than 36 hours out of the water! Of course, every year some joker 'hangs' a "fifty" on some rotten old hunk of "last year's" frozen bunker. I assure you this is by far the exception!

The most obvious way to get bunker fast and easy is a local bait and tackle store (two places I know of that receive a daily supply of bunker in season are Frank's Fishing Station in Island Park and Lou's Fishing Station in Freeport). You can also snag your own bunker via a weighted treble hook from such places as the Magnolia Pier in Long Beach and the piers at field #10 in Jones Beach to name but a couple. In reality, just about every nook and cranny of Long Island's saltwater has some bunker, sometime between April and November. To find a school, look for small splashes on the surface. It is a natural "habit" for bunker to flip their tails on top when not disturbed or agitated. On days when there is little boat traffic, bunker will flip all day long, but in the summer, nighttime is usually the answer. About five or six bunker will do per person (3/4-1 lb. each).

For spinning I like an 11½ ft. one-piece medium action rod with a matching reel (a Penn #704 or #706 is good) and 20 lb. mono. Now I make a fishfinder rig by sliding a 1/0 snap swivel over the end of my line, then I tie on a 2/0 black barrel swivel (with a double improved clinch knot). Next comes about a 20" (50 lb.) with a 6/0 9510 hook (I feel it is important not to use stainless steel hooks as these will stay with any fish you break off, giving it little chance of survival). Snap an appropriate pyramid sinker on, file the hook sharp and all is ready.

Cut a piece of bunker about 1½"-2" wide and hook it securely, but expose the point and barb. Now the whole mess gets cast with a better than moderate lob (anywhere past the furthest breaker will do). When the rig hits bottom, take up all the slack and turn the roller on your reel to the right index finger (or left, if such is your case), remove the line and hold it on said finger and wait!

When a big bass grabs the bait, there is little question as to what happened. Just be sure the fish doesn't feel any resistance from you and stay calm! If the line is flying out at 131 mph, hit the fish right away. What frequently happens, though, is you get the initial hit, then nothing. What has happened is the fish grabbed the bait and dropped it right away. Wait, be ready, if necessary (due to wind and surf conditions), pinch the line very lightly between two fingers. When (if) the fish takes again, hit it right away (the one or two seconds it will take to close the bail or get the line under the roller and to wind out the slack is plenty of time for a big bass to wolf down a bait). When setting the hook, in addition to the initial sweep of the rod I usually "jab" the rod back (about 6") three or four times to really secure the hook in case it hits bone.

For conventional tackle, I use a Harrington #552 which is a medium-heavy 10 ft. blank to which goes a squidder #140 (of course!). Fifty pound micron goes great with this but you can use dacron if you're a masochist and you don't need your thumbs! To the end of the micron I tie a 10 ft. length of 50 lb. mono with a "monk" knot (a friend of mine has had much success with a loop splice-clinch knot combination for this connection), and then the aforementioned fishfinder rig with an 8/0 9510xxx hook.

Baiting up and casting out is pretty much the same as with spinning, but that's where the similarities end. When the rig hits bottom, lock the reel and keep it locked; the drag should be on the tight side. When a big bass hits with a "locked-up" reel and no stretch micron, you really feel it,...and so does the bass, as a short pull back on the rod will usually sink the hook to the bend!

Remember when using micron to always crisscross the line on a sharp angle so it doesn't dig into the rest of the spool when under pressure.

You can catch big bass by these methods just about any place on the south shore of Long Island. I particularly like the Hempstead Town Beach in Point Lookout and the stretch of beach south of Jones Beach West End Parking field #2 to the "pocket" at the jetty. If you can find parking close to beach access, the jetties in Atlantic Beach and the Rockaways all have their moments (a good trick when fishing from a jetty is to fish both methods at once by sticking the conventional outfit in the rocks and holding the spinning rod...a bass will frequently hook itself on the stiff rod. You can cover more water this way).

Finally, to let you in on a little secret I've sort of kept under my hat for quite awhile: bass seem to take a bunker chunk more readily if the bait is scaled before it is cut. I theorize that this exposes more of the bunker's oils, makes the bait more visible and may remove any human scents resulting from handling. Also, you should wear a watch so you can time your baits according to how active the crabs are (6-15 minutes). See you out there!

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LOOK TO THE SOUND FOR STRIPERS

by Ron Onorato

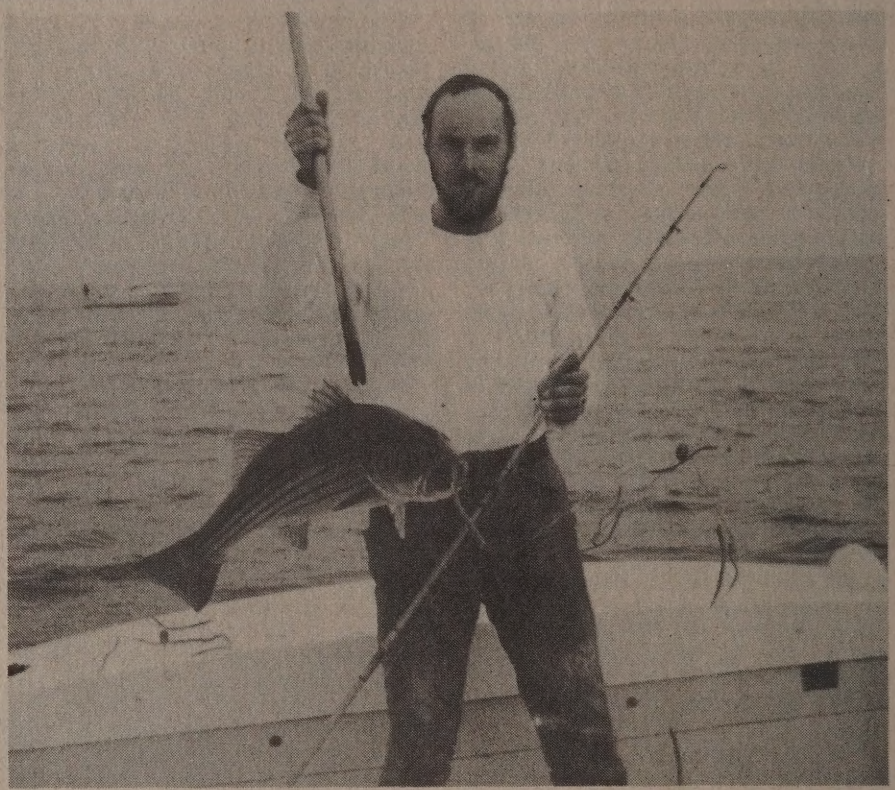
The Hempstead Harbor area is once again producing fine bass action thanks to a rejuvenated Hudson River stock.

Bass fishermen are really a funny bunch of people. They are a somewhat different breed of fishermen what with the hours they keep, the different places they fish and the tides they must follow. It was not really that many years ago that the serious bass fishermen went east to either Montauk Point or up to the Cape to get in on the last remnants of decent bass fishing. Now, much of that has changed. No longer are the great schools of fish passing through the turbulent tides of Montauk Point. Rather, occasional pods of big fish slip through the tide rips and fishing has often been limited to one or two day's fishing during the spring run, and that may consist of only a handful of fish. Now, the bass fishermen who for so many years had lean pickings in the western portions of Long Island Sound, can smile and go out once again to his backyard and catch some striped bass.

As the stock of Chesapeake bass dropped to an all-time low, the bass in the Hudson River had excellent spawns for several successive years, and coupled with a ban on commercial fishing in the river, the levels of striped bass reached all time highs. Since the western reaches of the Sound rely heavily on the Hudson fish for their spring and summer fishery, these areas are once again thriving and have become viable bass producing spots. And while these areas may not produce a world record fish, enough cows are caught to give further respectability to the area.

Hempstead Harbor itself is one of the best looking bass spots in western Long Island Sound. Once you move away from the inner reaches of the Harbor and start out towards the eastern and western perimeters, you are greeted with reefs, rock piles, jetties, underwater boulders, and tide rips that make this a very interesting area indeed. As the bass pour out of the Hudson, generally around the end of April, they will pass through this area, and many of the fish will summer at that spot rather than make the run east. Thus, the harbor will have its own resident population of striped bass for the season.

While the Hudson bass may start moving down the river as early as the beginning of April, it really isn't until



Ray Bennett shows husky striper that fell for an umbrella rig trolled off of a western Sound rock pile.

A net is better suited to landing schoolies such as this one.

the middle of May that the western reaches of the Sound start to open up. Usually the first schools of fish are what are known as "breezers." This means that the fish are on the move and will be at a certain location for only a day, and often as little as a single tide before they head for their final destination. The action may occur at any time of the day or night. Serious nighttime fishing takes place during the full moon in June. Generally speaking, the last week of May and the first week of June stands as the best time to have a shot at some decent fishing.

Hempstead Harbor is really a caster's delight. Although you can troll in certain spots, especially Matinecock Point, the water in some of the better spots is usually less than 10' and this means that light tackle casting is the ticket to the best fishing.

In the late 60s and early 70s, there were large quantities of fish bait in the areas of the western Sound. Small silver dollar size bunker, tinker mackerel, and schools of spearing predominated the bait supply, while the sand eel population was a bit on the thin side. Today, the situation is totally reversed. The fish bait is on the lean side, while the sand eels are at an all-time high. Those tiny popping plugs that were so deadly then are now just occasional producers. Even the top water and mid-depth swimmers have lost their effectiveness when the fish are feeding heavily on sand eels. Match the hatch, as the saying goes.

When I fish the waters around Hempstead Harbor, I generally limit the lures I use to just three styles. The first is the bucktail jig, next is the Tri-Fin eel worm, and lastly the Rebel plug. Actually, anything that even vaguely resembles a sand eel can be a deadly tool. More on this later.

I like a white bucktail jig that is around 3/8 or 1/2 oz. in weight for overall effectiveness. There is no need for pork rind with these small jigs and they are best employed with bait tackle to feel the subtle hit of the bass that you would otherwise miss on spinning gear. Pick a jig that has long strands of hair. The new Tri-Fin eel worm in the 1½ to 3/4 oz. size is also a winner. The black and red are the most deadly colors. Again, bait casting tackle gets the nod over spinning tackle, as you can't get the feel of the lure with spinning tackle. When a bass takes either of these lures, it sometimes feels no more than just a tiny bump. Any time I feel something like that, I lean back and usually the fish is there.

The last lure amongst the heavy hitters is the floating Rebel plug. This thing is a devil to cast, especially on windy days, but sometimes this is the only thing that the fish will touch. Both blue and black colors are effective.

When the fish are heavy on sand eels, and with the glut of sand eels, this will be often, you can use the sand eel-bucktail jig which was described in a past article, the whiptail jig by Tri-Fin, or the newly developed sand eel jig by the same company. This new item is a very close facsimile to the real thing. It is about 2" long and comes in a variety of colors, with blue and black being the best. This new lure looks like the best sand eel imitation on the market yet.

Hugh Fitzpatrick with a 50 lb. cow that fell for a live bunker fished in the mouth of Hempstead Harbor.

I'll limit the bait fishing department very briefly to the use of live bunkers. Much has been written already about all aspects of this, so there's no use in going over it again. Quite simply, when the bunker are present in the Harbor area, so are the bass and blues. During the height of the bunker populations, the Harbor was the scene of some wild bass and bluefishing. The schools of blues would cut through the bunker on the surface, and the bass would be underneath them gobbling up the pieces of bunker as they fell to the bottom. Those same big bass would feed on the bunker at the mouth of the harbor and then return to the rocks after feeding. Although well satiated, those big cows very seldom passed up a freshly snagged bunker with a treble hook in its lips. When the bunkers are scarce, so are the big bass. While the sand eels may provide food for the small and medium size fish, those big cows are just too lazy to go running around chasing after the sand eels.

All right, let's get down to some of the spots themselves.

Motts Point—This place is perhaps the finest place in the entire area as an overall producer of both big and small fish. It is a place for the casters, and a place for the bunker swimmers. You'll often see Motts Point mentioned in both the newspapers and magazine as a place where the bass have been hitting. Motts is a big place, and only a small part of the area holds the fish. This is on the western side of the harbor and its northern edge is marked by the #6 bell buoy. On an ebbing tide you'll see acres and acres of rocks and boulders just south of the bell. In-between the bell and shore line there is a small reef that comes up just a few feet higher than the surrounding area. Since most of the water is less than 10' deep, a recorder will not pick up this little hump. On the ebbing tide, the fish can be found on the western side of this piece. The incoming tide produces little on this piece. When the fish are heavy, they spread out off the reef and can be taken anywhere in the general area. Look for surface action around dusk and dawn and again on cloudy days. Any wind from a southerly quarter is fishable, but any sort of northerly tends to muck up the water.

As you head a little northwest from Motts Point, you'll see about a half mile stretch of rocky shore line. If you feel energetic, you can plug this whole stretch and run into fish anywhere along the line. Pods of fish move up and down this stretch as they travel between Motts and Prospect Points.

Prospect Point—This point marks the westernmost edge of the Harbor

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area. This area is a fairly large reef with some big boulders that run quite a ways out from the shore line. This is mostly a big fish producer. The big bass lie among the rocks and boulders and scoop up bergalls and blackfish on the flood tide as they come into the rocky area to feed. When bunkers are scarce, and you still want a shot at some big fish, try livelining some baby blackfish. Very little action around the end of the ebb tide, with high water being the best time.

The Week's Point Jetty—On the eastern side of the harbor lies a series of rock jetties. The easternmost of these structures is the Week's Point jetty. This jetty gives you the best shot at some school fish. Even with the apparent lack of small bass, this area still gives up a fair quantity of tiny fish. On the flood tide, the bass seem to pocket the bait in-between the jetty and the shore line. The water is generally too shallow to fish at low tide. The bucktail jig works especially well in this area. On an east wind, the bait is pushed from the Sound side of the jetty into the pocket, and the bass are there waiting for them. This is one of the few spots in the entire Long Island Sound area that actually has its best fishing on an easterly breeze.

Matinecock Point—This is probably the largest area that holds fish and is a producer for both the caster and the troller. At the very tip of Matinecock Point there is a crumbling cement sea wall that is just about disintegrated. Like the other points, this area is extremely rocky. During the early 70s that old cement sea wall was the scene of some really wild action. Although the area is just a pale shadow of its former self, fish are still taken by casters from both the shore and boat. The area marks a fairly large shoal that is a good blackfish producer. The water change is very abrupt here, going from 30' to 15' very quickly. A small rip is created by this sudden dropoff, and it is here that the trollers, who use lead core line, take fish primarily on surgical tube lures. Around the change of tide periods, blind casting with top water surface swimmers will often draw fish off the bottom for a look. The rip is a couple of hundred feet long, so the entire length of it should be trolled before it is written off.

These spots are the bigger and more consistent areas of the harbor. In-between these spots there are a few tiny pieces that will yield their fish, but aren't big enough to pinpoint precisely. If there is but one body of water in western Long Island Sound that you should fish for bass, it would have to be Hempstead Harbor. The only ones who would be disappointed were those lucky fishermen who fished the area at the height of the striped bass populations and remember the days of acres of feeding bass smashing plugs and pouncing on bunker. Still the harbor has its occasional flurry of action, and for the persevering fisherman, the effort will not be a wasted one.

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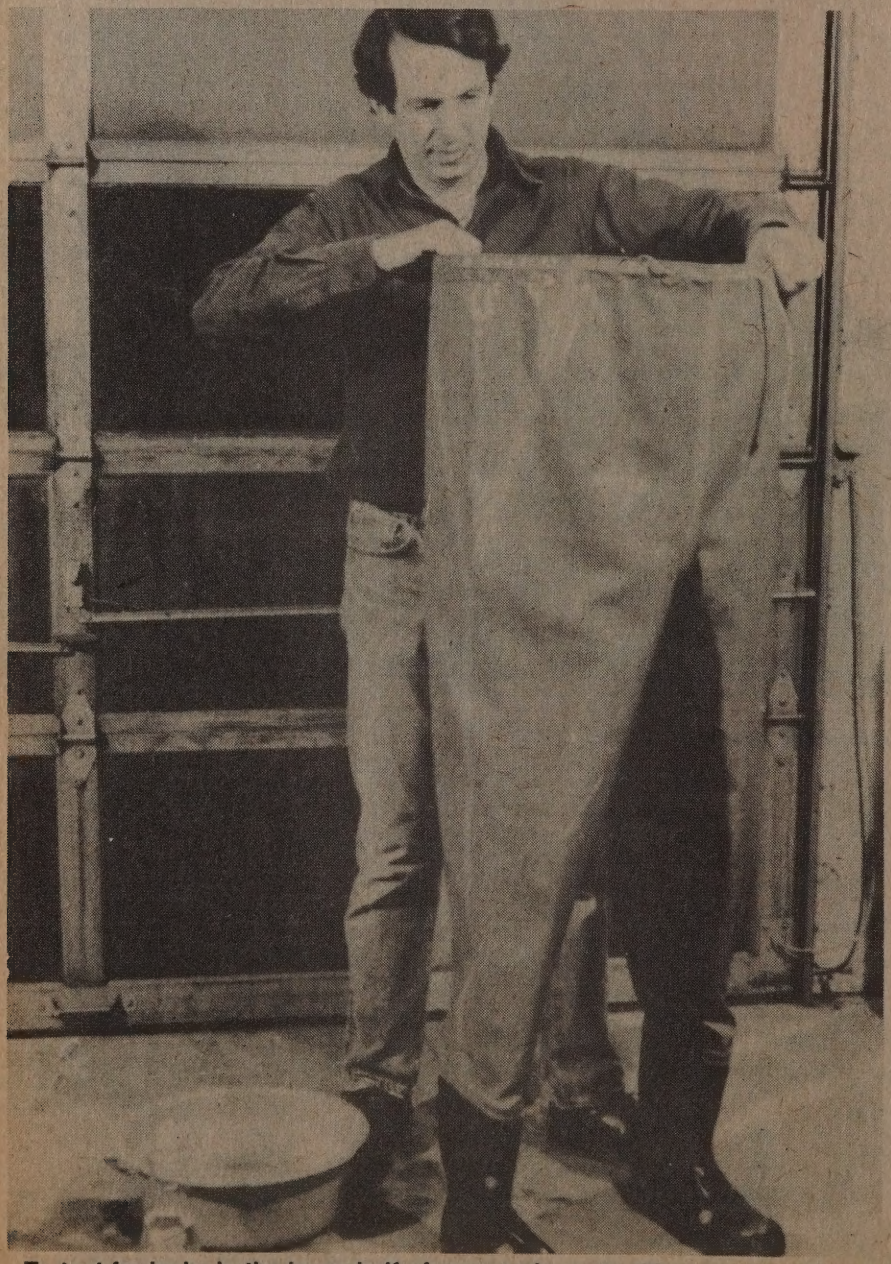
GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR WADERS

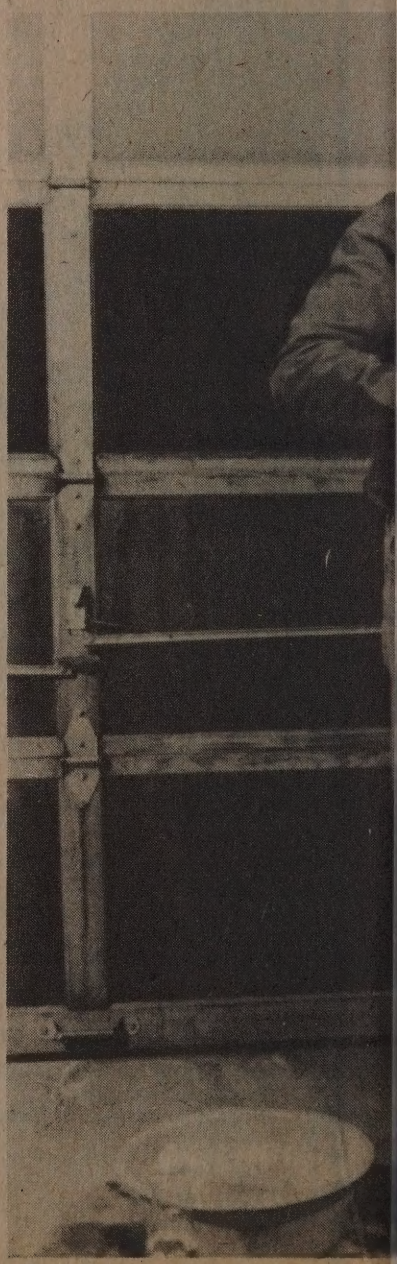
Part One—*by Pat Abate*

Nobody likes waders. Sure, fishermen wear them, but that's only because they like being cold and wet less than wearing waders. You'll hear anglers saying they like this rod or love that reel or are crazy about those plugs, but you'll never hear words of endearment about waders. I've heard a lot of guys use adjectives describing an intimate relationship with their waders, but I still don't think they were in love with 'em. Then, who am I to say: love is blind and fishermen are a strange lot.

The basic job of chest waders is to keep you dry from your armpits to your toes. They are made of rubber or synthetic waterproof fabric and have a stocking or boot foot. Off the shelf or out of the catalog, waders are designed to fit the so-called "avera person." Better waders are sized fit the short, regular or tall "avera person." If a manufacturer's l includes waders from size 7-13, sho regular, or tall, you have a combi tion of 21 different sizes. Even best fit of these combinations will fit like those worn-out jeans sneakers. The nature of them is to



To test for leaks in the lower half of your waders, try this procedure. Get a basin of water and some soap. Hold your waders so they're fully expanded.



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Do all waders leak? Definitely; brand new waders shouldn't leak, but eventually they'll all leak. Fishermen can't escape being around sharp fins, hooks, branches, barnacles and gaffs. It's just a matter of time before one of them pokes a hole in the fabric or boot. Don't get excited about leaks: be prepared for them. Know how to find them and put a patch on them. Leaks in waders are as normal as sand on beaches. However, finding the source of the leak can be a frustrating experience.

There are several methods of finding leaks such as filling your waders with water; sitting in a tub with waders on, putting a lightbulb (on, of course) inside waders in a dark room, inflating them with air, etc. All these methods work; it's just a matter of convenience and capabilities. I've demonstrated a method that works for me in the accompanying photographs. I use it every few weeks.

On the spot repairs can be made to small leaks, in rubber waders with a few dabs of Pliobond. A friend of mine once made an on-the-beach repair by wrapping plastic electrician's tape around his boot. It held for several weeks. A product called "Plastic Rubber" will hold for awhile if applied to a clean surface. Before applying any patch to waders, make sure the surface is clean and sand it lightly. Use the proper patch cement. They're different for rubber and PVC waders. If the cement has thickened, don't use it. The patch won't hold. Ordinary PVC pipe cement can be used to patch PVC waders, but the patch must be made from PVC fabric. In desperation, you can cut up the inside pocket for a patch. Rubber waders are best patched with a heavy duty truck tube patch. They come in interesting shapes and sizes and are stocked in a large auto supply store. For a few dollars more they'll sell you a can of tire patch cement.

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your waders like an inner tube.

Rub soap and water on the leaky leg and bubbles will start to appear by the holes. A ball point pen usually writes on wet waders to mark any leaks.

SEA BASS... AND OTHER THINGS

by Matt Ahern

Our resident sinker bouncer spins a few yarns while revealing some secrets that are sure to put more sea bass in the box.

It seems that when I write the type of article which follows, many sinker bouncers become enchanted with what appears to be easy fishing. So much so that they take pen in hand and want to know more about it—which, of course, is fine. I'm always happy to oblige as best I can.

I am amazed, though, when some private boat owners believe their fishing troubles would be over if only they could get out to those offshore areas I write about. They conclude that if they could do this, the fish would simply leap into their buckets with no further effort on their part. Such is not the case—at least not for me. If those fish do any bucket-leaping, it isn't because of what I know, it's because of what my buddy Artie Leidecker knows.

Sure, put me over any fish-producing spot and I'll keep up with the rest of the guys...most times, that is. But if I were to go wreck fishing on my own, I wouldn't reach first base. I kid you not. Finding a piece of open bottom for cod or fluke fishing is no great shakes, but when it comes to the nitty-gritty of putting a vessel precisely over a wreck, then I am as a little child. I have feet of clay.

This is why it's often embarrassing for me to tell those fellows who seek Loran numbers and so forth for locating certain wrecks that I can't help them one bit. I'm sure those disappointed fellows believe I'm copping-out and that I have no intention of divulging such information. But this is not so.

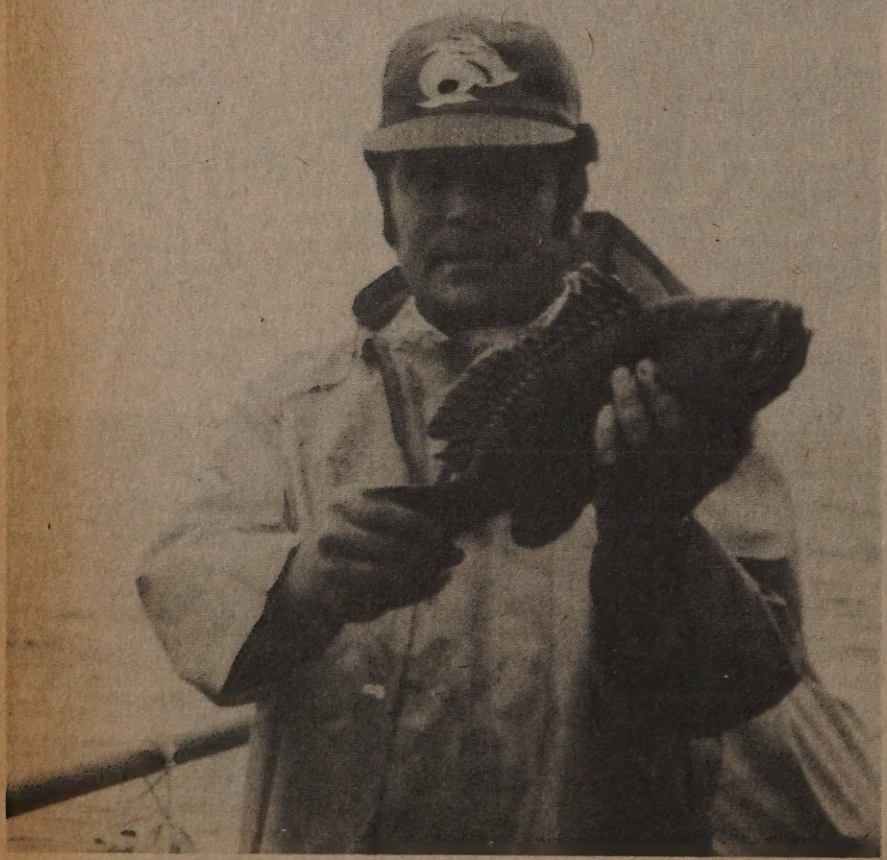
But my long-time fishing buddy Artie Leidecker knows exactly how to go about it—boy, does he know! However, in this case, he refuses to share his wreck-fishing knowledge with anyone—including me. This is why I can't supply the answers to those letters.

Now I know this is hard to believe, especially when one realizes that this month Artie and I will be fishing together 62 years. This is certainly a good, long time in anyone's book. One could say Artie is closer than a brother, and he'd be right. But long-time buddy or not, he does drive me to distraction with his cantankerous ways. But even so, perpetual grouch though he may be, stubborn and set in his ways, and a grump to boot, I can forgive all this because he does come home with the fish.

Now you could maybe excuse this foolishness from a guy who reaches 70-years-of-age and also make allowances for it; but Artie's been exactly like this ever since the day I first met him back in 1920. He's been a trial, no question about it. But notwithstanding, he's been a good buddy and certainly one of the best fishermen I've ever known—which more than makes up for the tribulations I've endured over the years.

I hope I'm not boring you with my platitudes, but let me continue on with this a bit. There's a good reason for it.

Artie is also an old-fashioned fisherman in the strictest sense of the word. No modern improvements for him. He has yet to equip his old 30' "Echo of The Morn" (which I've shortened to "Echo" for simplicity's sake) with electronics of any type. "Give me a good pair of binoculars, an up-to-date chart, an accurate ship's clock, and a reliable compass, and I'll take this boat anywhere on the Atlantic Coast," he says. "I don't need all that new-fangled stuff." And I guess maybe he doesn't. But there have been times when a little electronic aid would have come in



Sea bass make prime fare for party boat anglers.

handy.

By now you must be wondering why I'm telling you all this; but as I said, there is good reason for it (besides getting me off the hook). Let's go back to the beginning of this article where I mentioned those letter-writers who seek wreck locations, Loran numbers, etc.

To these fellows I say knowing all this is not the end-all of your fishing problems. Not by a long shot.

First of all before you go out on that unforgiving ocean, you've got to know something about seamanship. Loran numbers and wreck locations won't help you here. What about sudden shifts of wind which quickly pile up dangerous seas? Can you "read" signs which foretell this sudden shift? Even if you can, is your boat large enough to bring you home safely? What about sudden fog, that scourge of all seamen? True, fog is less of a worry today due to the use of radar and such marvelous things; but don't forget the Andrea Doria and our own ill-fated Glory. Of what use was radar in these disasters? Safe travel upon the sea still depends upon the individual seaman and his skills. Nothing will ever take the place of that.

Take a tip from me and do your wreck-fishing aboard party boats, please.

All of which brings me to a story I've been wanting to tell you about for a long time but never found the right opportunity until now. It will bring out exactly what I wish to say.

One spring morning in 1931 when I was breaking in as mate aboard the old Rose R II out of Canarsie, we were anchored on Scallop Ridge doing a little ling and whiting fishing. It was a beautiful day—until a dense fog rolled over us. Truly, a guy couldn't see fifty feet before him. But who worried about fog and such when you had a skipper on board like Captain Dick Persson.

I guess we lay there three hours pulling fish, horsing around, and having that sort of good time only fishermen know and experience. Suddenly we heard the close-by put-put of a small boat. It made several circles around us until finally, in desperation, it hove into sight. A twenty-six footer with three fishermen aboard. It pulled up alongside, bewilderment clearly on the face of the fisherman at the wheel. And what did this fisherman ask? "Hey, skipper," he called, "how the hell do I get to Avenue U?"

A humorous situation, yes—but one fraught with danger for those three fishermen. As Shakespeare's Puck said: "What fools these mortals be."

So much for the foolish acts of fishermen in their zeal to catch fish.

Now, with all this "stuff" out of the way, let me take you on a sea bass fishing trip with Artie Leidecker, which, by coincidence, takes in some of the incidents mentioned before. You'll see why I consider Artie a darned good all-around fisherman.

For an early June morning, the weather on this particular day was miserable. Fog (a real pea-souper) had descended upon us. A half-mile west of the cautiously-moving Echo lay Sandy Hook. From the east came the mournful tolling of a channel buoy. We certainly felt alone and abandoned in that eerie world of swirling gray mist. At the Echo's wheel stood Artie, his attention divided between compass and ship's clock.

The 30-footer continued south, lifting ponderously to each oily heave as Al Dunn and I leaned over the bow rail, alert for warning of possible danger. At prescribed intervals, Artie sent out blasts from the fog horn and we listened for a reply. None.

For the want of something to do, I watched the bow waves as they tumbled aside like liquid metal. So neat, so clean in their turbulence. Then I noticed the runnels of condensation dripping from my oil skins. The moisture-laden air clung to my face like another skin. Clearly this was no place for three dedicated sea bass fishermen. I glanced at Al Dunn and shrugged my shoulders in resignation. Al moved closer and said: "If Artie finds that wreck in this soup, I'll buy him a steak dinner."

Actually, that "wreck" was a bit of unchartered litter Artie and I had happened upon several years before while fluke-drifting in the area. What it consisted of we had no idea, but it had given us some mighty good fishing at times. We hoped that now it would produce our first sea bass of the year.

Now, a word about fog: I hate it. I'll always hate it; not because it is the natural enemy of every seaman, as I said, but because of it, I have had bad dreams over the year ever since that Sunday in May when I witnessed the cutting in two of Sheepshead Bay's party boat MJR III 'way back in 1936.

I know you're thinking if such be the case, what in hell were you doing out there chasing sea bass? Well, the answer is simple enough: it hadn't been foggy when the three of us left that morning at 4AM. That morning had been beautiful: the air still, the sun glorious, bright and warm. But as we approached the New Jersey coastline, with Sandy Hook in sight, and with minutes to go to our sea bass spot, a rapidly-moving fog bank (which we had tried to outrun), had moved in from the south and surrounded us in seconds—and there we were. Three concerned fishermen.

But Artie is nobody's fool. Before the complete gray-out, he had quickly taken our position and jotted something into his notebook. Because I had witnessed this bit of prudence, I wasn't too worried. A little nervous, maybe, but not overly-concerned. As long as we watched our p's and q's, I felt we'd be all right.

And so it went until Artie finally slowed the Echo to mere headway. "I

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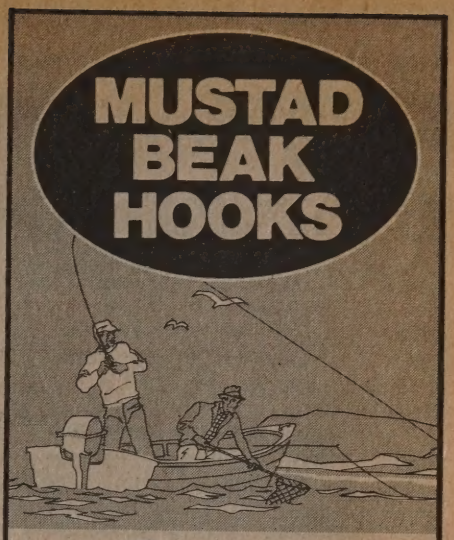

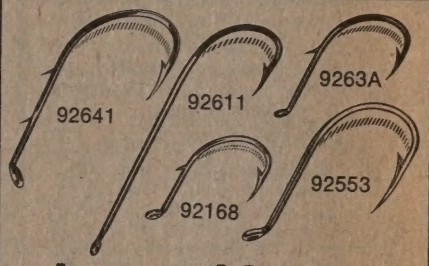

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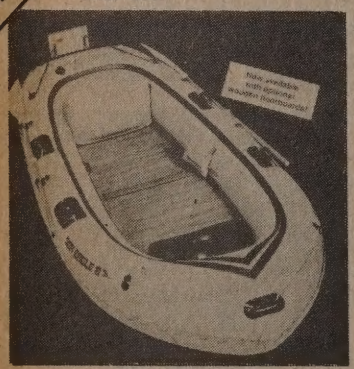

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believe we're close-by, fellers. Better get that bait ready, Matt."

I turned to Al. "Toss me a couple of those squid, Al...and the mallet."

I sliced through the squid's mantle, removed the head, the soft mushy innards, and the cellophane-like backbone. I lay the opened squid flat-out on the bait board and scraped the thin skin free with my fingers. I then sliced the mantle into three-inch strips, a half-inch wide.

And then came that important bit of business known to many old-time sea bass fishermen. I gently tapped the ends of each squid strip with the mallet. (The handle of a bait knife will do just as well.) Doing this releases the squid's natural oils and makes the bait highly attractive to large humpback sea bass. This is an old trick and goes back to Lord knows how far. A word to the wise is sufficient.

In the meantime, Artie had been fuming and fretting, and maneuvering the Echo into what he hoped was the location of the "wreck." He consulted the compass, checked and rechecked the reduced running time against some figures in the notebook, and then finally put the engine into idle.

"We should be close," he said. "I'll move ahead and we'll drop the hook, come back on it and feel our way. Damn! If there's ever been a time I wished we had electronics aboard, it's now."

I went forward to attend to the anchoring. Al stayed behind to check out the fishing—if any. It took a half-hour and three attempts before Al called out: "Bergall bites, Artie!" (Good ole bergalls, always obliging.) "I'm hung up, too," he added. "Artie—I owe you a steak dinner."

"Right now," Artie replied, "I'll settle for a sea bass dinner. Bergalls, huh? Hey, Matt! Before you snub that cable, put her on the inside. Maybe we'll swing away from those bergalls." He picked up his rod as I made my way aft. "Let's see what we've got."

I joined in and began to fish. It didn't take long. I had barely gotten set before a hungry sea bass hit the hook. A good fish, too; easy 1½ lbs. Before I had it on deck, Artie had one. Al lost some time rerigging, but it didn't take him long to get into the action. And action we had, the kind that made it all worthwhile.

My records show we took 32 sea bass that morning. No great catch, I'll admit. But these were pretty nice fish, with no throwbacks. The average bass were about 1½ lbs., with a two-pounder tops. And not a pesky bergall came over the rail...which is something to write home about when fishing any type of obstructed bottom. Putting that cable on the "inside" really did the trick.

So much for the results of that day's fishing.

Now, another little story—this time to bring out the importance of using fresh squid for sea bass.

Many years ago aboard that same Rose R II mentioned before, we were fishing the Subway Grounds south of Ambrose Lightship on a catch-as-catch-can basis. It was about the end of the ling season, porgies hadn't put in an appearance, and what little action we had was from smallish blackfish. No one was overjoyed with the fishing. But about an hour before quitting time, small sea bass began to take hold. The first of the year. Not one fish, however, was over a half-pound, but we figured when we got back to them the next day, we'd really zap 'em good. Old long-headed Dick Persson said he knew exactly where to find bigger fish now that the shorties had arrived—if the weather held up.

When we arrived back at the dock, I was sent off to buy 10 lbs. of the freshest squid I could find. This, Dick said, would always do the trick on early-run humpbacks.

He was certainly right. Over 50 years have passed since that day, but I still fondly remember it. Of course, humpback sea bass were easy to come by those days, but that trip stands out as one of the best. I don't believe we decked a fish under 2 lbs. The largest was easily four and was caught by a passenger; most of our humpbacks went between 2 and 3 lbs.

Now, I'm not saying if you go sea bass fishing this summer you will knock the humpbacks dead (you might); what I'm saying is that if you've never gone party boat fishing for sea bass, you owe it to yourself to do so—at the earliest opportunity. If you hit a good day, you'll never forget it.

Rigging is no problem. In fact, the simpler you keep it, the better. Sea bass aren't a bit line shy. A medium-weight boat rod with a matching reel capable of holding at least 150 yards of 20 lb. test mono is ideal. As for hooks, I believe the best type is the Sproat in size 3/0 or 4/0. Sea bass have large mouths, so there is much leeway in hook selection.

The best rig-up is the common deep-sea high-low rig. It isn't necessary to use three-way swivels and such—they only serve as an aid in hanging-up. Place the lower hook a snell's length above a suitable bank sinker, the second high enough to avoid tangling. When wreck fishing, most sea bass will hit this top hook—around rocks, etc., the lowest hook will produce.

That's all I can tell you about sea bass fishing for now. But this is easy fishing and you should have no difficulty.

Oh—would you care to know the end result of that foggy-day sea bass trip with Artie? The fog never let up, and by the time we got back to Island Park's Reynold's Channel, the afternoon was far advanced. But before that, Artie had headed the Echo directly for Jones Inlet bell buoy from Sandy Hook. He hit it right on the nose! With no strain or pain. With such performances, I can forgive him for anything.

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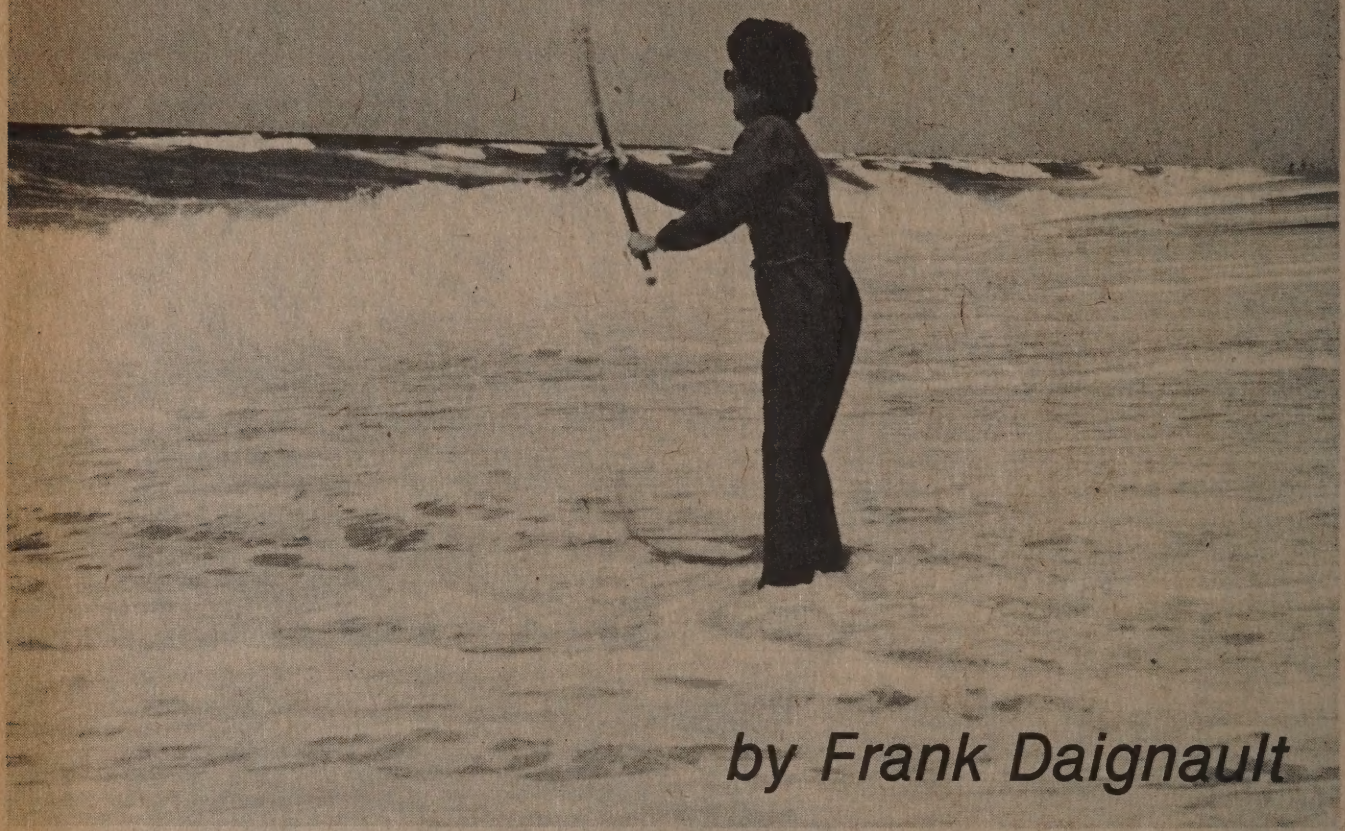
WEATHER BASICS FOR SURFMEN



by Frank Daignault

No saltwater fisherman should ever start the shortest trip without a weather report. These offer professional level predictions that are based upon accurate observations around the country that do—in spite of occasional outright failures—come about as close as one can reasonably expect. There are, however, weather details which are obviously omitted because they are too insignificant to be of any value to the average listener. These kinds of details frequently are paramount to the success of a fishing trip.

To a great degree, the angler himself can learn what to expect from understanding a set of generalities about weather patterns. Sometimes the astute observer can even make on-the-spot observations that will improve upon the most well done forecasts.

Wind tells it all as to knowing what you can expect. Aside from tide, wind will impose the greatest influence upon the level of activity of game fish. Keep in mind that we must be as concerned with the level of activity as we are with the presence of game fish. All too often we face a sea full of stripers or blues that are almost too selective to be worth bothering with. Usually when fishermen say that conditions are not right they are talking about weather.

By definition, prevailing winds are those which dominate the weather of a particular area when there are no fronts or storms passing. These vary with different parts of the world, but in our Northeastern U.S. they are southwest during the warmer months, say from May to early September. The day to day pattern of our fair weather southwesterlies is that they are nearly calm at daybreak, pick up late in the morning, and often blow a good clip during the afternoon. This situation is often a trap for novice seamen who take a 14 footer to Block Island on a placid sea in the morning and bail all the way back in the afternoon. Meteorologists can probably tell you why, but generally a hard, afternoon sou'west will lower in intensity with the setting sun. Conversely, a sou'west that picks up during the night will ease off with the dawn. Onshore winds, if they are not a whole gale but brisk, create favorable fishing for surfcasters. Bait is more vulnerable to predation by game fish in the turbulence of a foaming surf and I believe that this same turbulence provides cover for edgy killers venturing into shallows. When one considers that the sou'west is the wind most likely to be encountered, the wise surfcaster learns as much as he can about beaches that face the southwest.

Any beach facing that direction is bound to accumulate large pockets of relatively warm water because it is the warmer surface water that is most influenced by wind. High water temperatures increase the breakdown rate of marine micro-organisms which so contribute to the food chain; baitfish love a wind-beach and stripers, blues, weakfish and pollack are bound to come in to feed upon them. Any change in wind should be considered valuable input to the plans of fishermen.

With the onset of autumn the prevalence of the sou'west gives way to shifting to west until by mid-fall, say October, northwest becomes the prevailing wind. This wind is always cooler and the occasional one that occurs in August brings welcome relief from the heat of summer. Those who sweated in the shop with dizzy spells and salt tablets that day are

often caught without a sweater that night. Chills contribute nothing to your effectiveness as a problem solving, condition observing individual moving about in a sometimes hostile environment. Many is the trip spoiled by an angler who has failed to take care of himself against the elements.

Wind is the basic condition. If you located fish the night before under a wind from one quadrant, any change in that wind no doubt will alter tonight's results. I recall a time when the gang at P-Town did a job at a bar on the Back Beach called Laura's. (The spot was named during a time when a well-endowed lady used the spot for skinny-dipping.) The boys had taken a good number of 30 and 40 lb. bass under a humping sou'west at a time when fishing had been very bad. As a result it was a worst kept secret with at least five acquaintances telling me of the hit, each forbidding me to say that it was they who had told me. Others just said to drive east. And at sunset a solid line of buggies stopped at the "secret" spot, and proceeded to watch one another—all hundred of them—take turns in an empty surf. But the wind this second night was nor'west and the landfall of stripers came a mile further down the beach at a heading roughly equal to the change in wind compass. The find was made by someone seeking to escape the crowd, but in retrospect could have been anticipated. Some winds will bend a rip causing tonight's bad gamble to be tomorrow's sure thing. You can stand on the beach in P-Town for a full summer and watch the boats do a job in the Race, you trying to remember what a striper looks like. But the night the nor'west comes to life boatmen get a night off to escape an unkind sea and surfcasters with a weather eye peeled clean up. There are more examples, but why kick a dead dog.

One must read the signs and as we proceed through the compass, I view the southeast as the most telling wind. This is the foreboding pre-storm wind. The weathercock indicates the south ever so slowly from what had been fair weather. Once the wind is south by east there will be an acceleration, a freshening that will pick up speed as it adds points to the east. Most, but not all, southeast winds indicate an impending storm. And no storm that is in the wind ever goes unnoticed by the living elements of nature which have been taught a bitter survival through centuries of natural selection. Game fish get now while the getting is good because this might be the last night of feeding. Surfcasters should take their cue. The sou'west is number one because of all the chances that it has had, but the southeast enjoys a higher percentage of wild nights where every caster is uptight with game...way more than once. Good as it may be, it is our last night of fishing.

There is a mariner's saying that when the wind is east, fish bite the least. No cliche, and I hate them for other reasons, is ever going to keep me home on a Friday night. But one does have to face the realities: east winds represent the energy of storms; they are not encumbered by the hills of land masses; upon much of our shore they face the beach often overly dampening a cast; and, finally, everything that has ever been deposited, or grown and died in the Atlantic, is breaking down, being pulverized, into a visually impenetrable gray scud that is suspended in the surf. Game fish cannot take what they cannot see and they know better than to ever even be there for a look. But there are alternatives to those who reason with geography, aside from the obvious lee of an island. Any large estuary or tidal river is exempt from the havoc of an inside-out Atlantic. Plans don't have to be cancelled, merely changed.

In meteorological jargon a storm is a front of low barometric pressure that plows turbulence ahead of it which is always warmer. November surfcasters who can't take another night should welcome rain and hang in. Most surfcasters would prefer the imposition of foul-weather gear over restrctive layers of clothing. A warm rainy night is better than a clear, cool one that is turning your hands blue. Season depending, a front can be welcome. But remember that the weather that follows a storm is always cooler, Winds following a storm will blow nor'west, hard but brief in August, hard and long in October. There is no such thing as a short nor'easter on this striper coast. When it is bad, it is so for at least three days. Keep a log and tell me I'm wrong.

All the earth's weather in the Northern Hemisphere comes from the west. If it is raining in Pennsylvania today, there is a risk of poor weather tomorrow. Which brings us to the condition that many lay people have trouble grasping about an east wind that is coming from the west. Weather systems have two kinds of motion: the greater movement of the storm itself, and the winds within. Think of a storm's motion as that of a top, which is both spinning and traveling across the floor. Movement of the top would represent the storm and its counter-clockwise motion, its spinning, the northeast wind.

As I mentioned earlier, there are sound reasons why professional weather forecasts are a necessity; but they are, after all, only predictions. A situation unfolding in front of you has to be judged on the spot. Fishermen have to be planners who deal with their own available time, favorable or bad conditions for their chosen fishing spot, and most important, the availability of game fish or even last night's performance. We know that it is all a gamble, yet one which we willingly make. It is the odds that must judge and weather is no small part of the bet. Keeping an eye tuned to the weather can tilt those odds in your favor.

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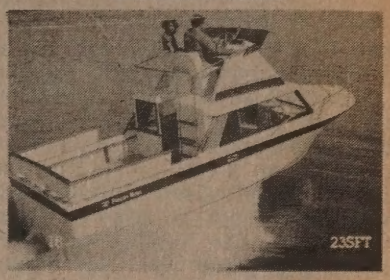

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RESEARCHING THE SUMMER FLOUNDER

by Alice M. Weber & Chester S. Zawacki

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From 1956 through 1959, a series of fluke (**Paralichthus dentatus**) tagging studies along the south shore of Long Island were conducted by the New York State Conservation Department as part of an investigation into the cause of a late season decline in the recreational catch of fluke in Great South Bay. The results of those studies conducted by John Poole, Chief, Bureau of Marine Finfish, NYSDEC, showed that summer flounder that moved into Great South Bay in late spring and early summer tend to remain inside the bay throughout the summer season, with little additional recruitment of fish from the ocean populations. This observation, coupled with reports of high rates of exploitation by recreational fishermen in early summer, was the apparent cause of the low level of fluke available to the sport fishery in late summer. Additional studies on age and growth of fluke showed that the recreational catch of fluke was composed primarily of one and two-year-old fish, making the sport fishery for fluke in Great South Bay highly dependent on the success of spawning in the previous year. Based on these findings, a 14'' minimum size limit for retention of fluke was imposed on the entire fluke fishery in New York waters, effective January 1, 1965, and, more recently, commercial trawling within Great South Bay has been prohibited. Although trawling was prohibited to reduce user conflicts, the imposition of the minimum size limit was designed to allow for the escape of summer flounder less than 14'' providing a more evenly distributed catch of fluke throughout the summer as the smaller fish gradually attain a legally harvestable size. A report on the effectiveness of the minimum size limit concluded that the regulation appeared to stabilize the recreational catch rates of fluke throughout the summer months, but only when a large percentage of sublegal fluke were present in the population in early spring.

Since that time, only limited work has been done on the fluke fishery in New York waters. To determine if there have been any significant changes in the summer flounder fishery in recent years, a fluke tagging project simiar to that conducted by Poole in the 1950s was undertaken in Great South Bay in the Summer of 1981.

During the months of May and June, 1981, approximately 1,000 fluke were tagged in Great South Bay primarily in areas adjacent to Captree State Park and Robert Moses State Park. Fluke taken by otter trawl, were held in tubs with a continuous supply of clean seawater, measured, tagged and released. Tags used were Petersen disc tags attached by stainless steel pins through the musculature of the fish between the tip of the pectoral fin and the base of the dorsal fin. Serial numbers and instructions for return were printed on the discs. Fishermen were requested to return both discs with the date, location and method of capture in exchange for a $3 reward.

The length measurements of the 994 tagged fluke ranged from 8½'' to 27'' total length and averaged 12¾''. Since the minimum size limit for retention of fluke is 14'' total length, more than 78% of the fluke tagged were sublegal size.

Of the 259 tag returns received to date, 234 (90%) were returned by sport fishermen. Twenty-five (10%) of the returns were sent in by commercial fishermen, all of which were captured by otter trawl. The original total lengths of the 25 commercial returns averaged 13'', which is slightly smaller than the original total lengths of the 234 recreational returns (13¼'').

Location of recaptures indicate that, of the 259 fluke returns, 230 (89%) were caught within Great

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South Bay, 9 (3%) in ocean waters adjacent to Long Island's south shore, and 20 (8%) were recaptured in more southern offshore waters. These 20 returns include eight returns from off southern New Jersey and three from North Carolina, one of which was recaptured by rod and reel at Hatteras Inlet, North Carolina. Recapture data shows that the highest number of returns (45%) came from within Great South Bay in July, all of which were returned by recreational fishermen. Recapture locations outside Great South Bay do not appear until August, the time at which fluke begin to leave the bays and move offshore. After September, almost all returns reported recapture locations outside Great South Bay. Since trawling is retricted within the south shore bays, it is not surprising that all the returns inside the bay were sent in by recreational fishermen, while those outside the south shore bays were predominantly (92%) from commercial sources.

Comparison of the average total lengths of the 994 tagged fluke (12¾'') with the average total lengths at time of tagging of the 259 recaptures (13¼'') indicates that the recaptured fluke tended to be the larger fish within the original population of tagged fish. Analysis of tag returns by size groups shows significant differences in the rate of returns of various size groups. In particular, there was a 30% lower return rate for fluke in the 10'' to 12'' size group than would be expected if all size groups had an equal chance of recapture.

To derive an estimate of survival and fishing mortality for this year's tagging results, tag returns were tabulated by month of return. A method for estimating survival and fishing mortality was used based on the assumption that the tagged fish are subject to constant fishing and mortality rates, which are the same as in the natural untagged population. Omitting all returns collected during the tagging interval (May-June), survival was estimated to be approximately 50% while fishing mortality was equal to 12% for each successive monthly interval from July through October, 1981.

Analysis of tag return data from the 1981 fluke tagging project has shown results similar to the earlier fluke tagging studies conducted in Great South Bay in the 1950s. Comparison of length frequencies of fluke tagged by Poole (1962) with those tagged in Summer, 1981 shows a comparable range in total length values for both groups. While the range of total length values appear to be similar, comparison of the mean total length of fluke tagged in Great South Bay in 1981 with those tagged by Poole in 1957 (the only year in which data is available for comparison) shows some apparent differences. Fluke tagged inside Great South Bay in June, 1957 averaged 15'' total length, while those tagged in May-June, 1981 averaged 12¾'' total length, a significantly smaller size. The sizes seen most frequently for the 1957 fluke was reported to be 12½'' which is very close to the most common size for the 1981 fluke (12¼''). The difference in mean total length is apparently due to a greater number of smaller fish in the 1981 sample. Poole, using the proportion of fish 12'' or less in total length as an indicator of recent spawning success, reported that 45% of the fluke tagged in 1956 and 1959 were 12'' or less total length—evidence of spawning success in 1955 and 1958. Likewise, of the 994 fluke tagged in 1981, 45% were 12'' or less in total length, indicating a relatively successful spawn in 1980.

The rate and location of recaptures for both studies is apparently quite similar. First-season rate of recaptures for this year's tagging project now approaches 26%, while Poole's first-season recaptures for (1956-1959) averaged 27%. Of the returns reported for the 16-week period after this year's tagging (July-October), 94% of recaptures were from within Great South Bay and 6% from ocean locations. These percentages are almost identical to those reported by Poole (1962) for 1956-1959. For both studies, the highest number of recaptures was in July, the time at which an intensive sport fishery for

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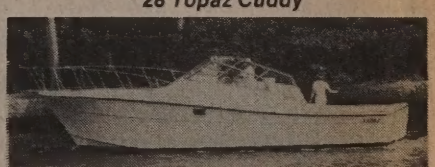
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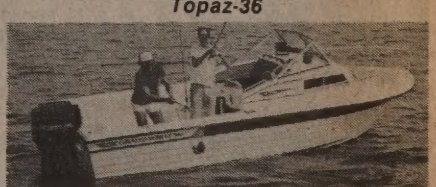
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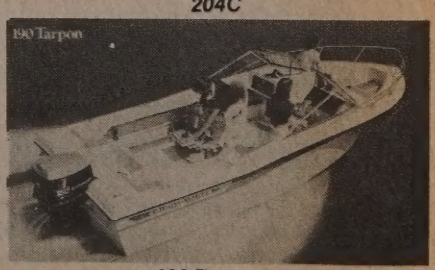

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While this early data appears to show that there has been little change in the south shore fluke fishery, future tagging results should provide more accurate determinations of mortality rates, fishing pressure and seasonal movements of the fluke populations in Great South Bay.

In September, 1981, a "Fishery Management Plan for the Summer Flounder Fishery" was published. This plan was prepared by the State/Federal Summer Flounder Management Program under a contract between the New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife and the National Marine Fisheries Service. In this plan, the Summer Flounder Scientific and Statistical Committee and the Regional Citizens Advisory Committee recommended the implementation of two management measures for the summer flounder fishery. They are as follows:

1. To allow U.S. fishermen unrestricted catches of summer flounder, but impose a 14" (total length) size limit.

2. To impose a mesh regulation, the size of which shall allow undersized summer flounder to escape according to the size limit.

The plan also recommended several research needs to monitor the effectiveness of the management plan. These included investigations to determine:

1. Gear selectivity and discard mortality.

2. Stock identification via meristics (countable characteristics), morphometrics (measurable characteristics), biochemical research and tagging (particularly off Virginia and North Carolina).

3. Detailed socioeconomic studies of the summer flounder fisheries.

After reviewing these recommendations, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation proposed the following programs for 1982. We plan to repeat the tagging of summer flounder captured by otter trawl in Great South Bay. Also we plan to tag summer flounder captured by hook and line from aboard party boats working from Captree State Park and Bay Shore. These fish will be the sublegals (fish under 14" total length) that are being released under New York State Fish and Wildlife Law. This program has been setup with the assistance of Captain Richard Leitch, President of the Captree Boatmen's Association, and Captain Neil Delanoy, who is a member of the Summer Flounder Citizens' Advisory Committee. The results of this tagging effort hopefully will allow some insight into the discard mortality and survival of summer flounder released by recreational fishermen.

Keep an eye out for our tagged fluke, return the discs promptly, and if you're fishing the Captree-Fire Island area this season, you are likely to be a participant in the tagging program.

East End Report

by Stu Miller

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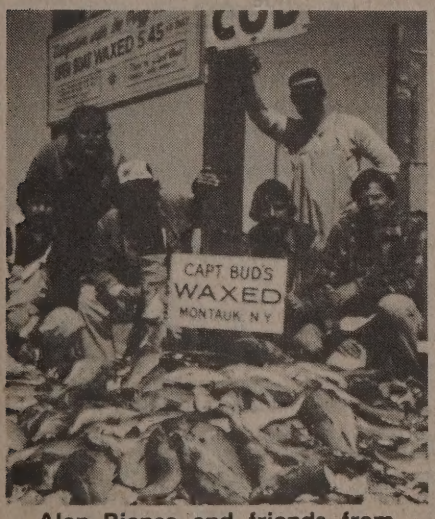
Cod, cod, cod is the only way we can really put the story this week regarding the east end's dynamite fishing. From fish of about 6 lbs. ranging well up into the 50s, cod continue to be hoisted by the open boat fleet and the charter fleet with catches mainly on bait. CIA grounds seem to have a nearly unlimited number of huge cod. Flounder are picking up and porgies are expected shortly.

Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fleet** informs us that the Nantucket wreck trip which he just came back from was absolutely unbelievable in both quantity and size of fish. He sat on one wreck and pulled fish continuously the whole time out there. Harold Scheller, of Brentwood took the $854 codfish pool with a 56 lber. Allan Levine of Perline, NJ took runner-up money of $37 with a 52 lb. cod. Steven Rea of Amityville walked off with the pollack pool of $270 with a 28 lb. pollack. The fishing was just fantastic said the skipper with 90 percent of the catch being cod, the remainder cusk, pollack and hake. All big fish. See ad for next scheduled offshore trips. The **Viking Starlite** which is fishing two half day flounder trips has noticed improved flundering at West Point, Rocky Point and Culloden with a few porgies and blacks mixed in. The local codfishing says Paul has been very, very good the last three days, particularly at the CIA grounds, fares getting all big fish up to 50 lbs. Paul expects to start the



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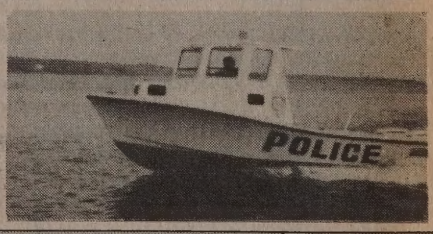

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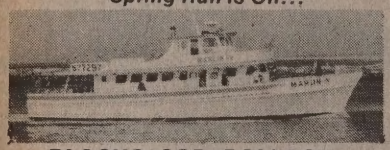

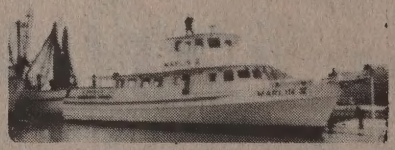

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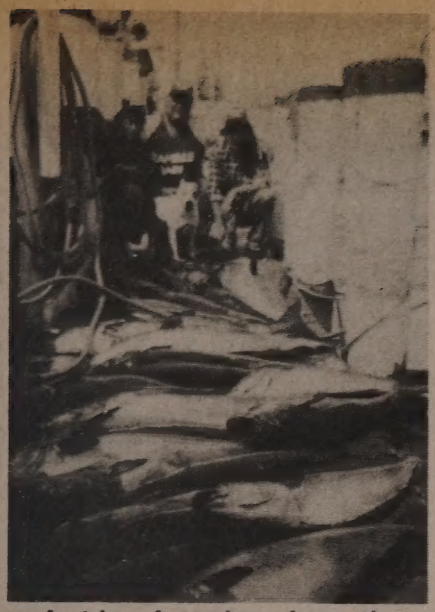

A trio of anglers from the Ramble Inn and 33 pollack from 25-40 lbs. taken on a Montauk charter aboard the "Adios." Fish were taken south of Block Island with downriggers.

regular Coxes Ledge trips by June 12 with a 4AM sailing time.

Captain Ray Rigano and Al Ristori aboard Jay's charter boat **Lori-Jay** out of **Star Island Yacht Club** on Friday had 10 pollack to 30½ lbs. and six cod, all on jigs south of Block Island with jigs being as effective as bait.

Codfishing was very good Thursday, Friday and Saturday aboard the charter boat **King Wayne** fishing south of Block Island. Saturday's trip for Buddy Miles and Friends resulted in 90 cod being caught, all in the 20 lb. class, using clam bait.

The pollack catches are excellent and improving each day at Block Island said Captain Mike of the charter boat **Montauk**. The boat also had its first bass of the year, a 33 lber. caught south of Block in 125' of water on trolled green Sekora monkey lures. Mike says the bass are taking hold and blues are moving in and all the while there's good pollack fishing. Codding has not been a slouch with a 48½ lber. being the boat's largest cod of the week. Plenty of fish with lots of 30s and 40s coming up. The skipper says this has got to be the best spring in many, many years.

Floundering is steady and improving each day reports the charter boat **Capt. Willy**, working Gardiner's Bay, West Point and Shagwong with flatties up to 3½ lbs., fish averaging 2 lbs.

Captain Jake Nessel of the **Marlin Fleet** also tells of good codding off Block Island with catches of 8-20 cod a man plus a few pollacks, blacks and snowshoe flounder. The cod have been mostly schoolies with each day's pool fish in the 20s and 30s. Most fish have taken bait but some have fallen t diamond jigs. A few sea bass have taken the hook and Jake is awaiting the influx of porgies.

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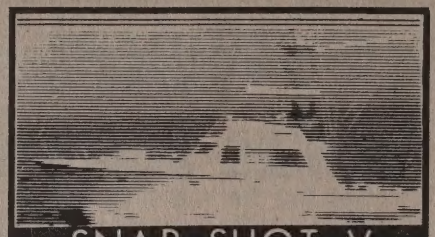

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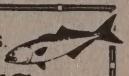

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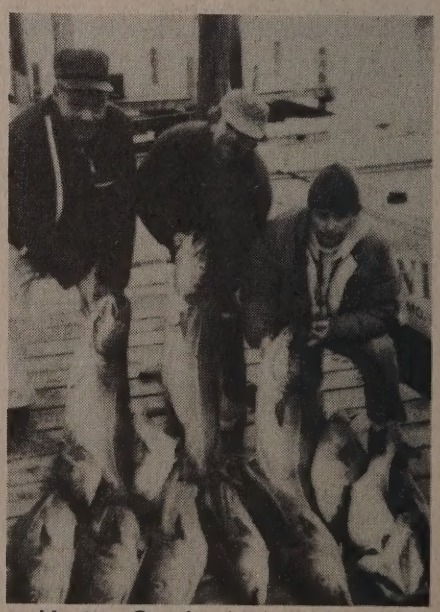
Captain Bud Dorman of the 6 man limit open boat **Waxed** says those who read last week's flounder report and stayed home missed some excellent flounder action this past week. Catch of 10-18 fish a man were common. Sunday, Bud had 24 big flounder himself, while Willie Scott of Montauk decked 21. Incidental catches of porgies, blacks, and fluke were also made for the week.

Aboard the charter boat **My Mate,** skipper Joe McBride had to cancel his first shark trip Saturday due to weather and instead took his charter to Southwest Ledge and also to the Sub Buoy for some good codfishing. Jim Mullens and pals had a few 25 lbers. but mostly 5-10 lb. fish, all on bait. The two half-day flounder trips Sunday turned out reasonably well with Joe working Rocky Point. He advises that some offshore dates are still available.

The MCA 3rd Annual Shark Tournament being held July 10 and 11 is closing fast, so if you want to participate, the Association should be contacted quickly. Half the entry fees will go for awards and the other half to charities. The association makes zippo on their tournament.

We're catching some stripers up to 37 lbs. said Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** and also a few 15 lb. bluefish. Thursday's trip for Bill Dahl and group saw the 37 lb. linesider caught along with a 28 lber. taken on umbrellas at the Point. They also had a 30 lb. striper the same day caught on a downrigger while pollack fishing. Dr. Mike Zweibel on Memorial Day scored with a 35 lb. bass and a 10 lb. bass on a trolled umbrella rig. A few blackfish and a cod also lashed out at a trolled umbrella at the Point that day. The bass fishing has been somewhat slow and those caught are



Hector Osacio (rt.) and pals with 14 big pollack from 25-35 lbs. taken on tubes and downriggers at Montauk aboard Captain Jack Passie's charter boat "Windy."

loaded with sandeels. There's a large amount of bait moving inshore and the bass will hopefully be following.

Sunday was the big day at **Gone Fishing Marina.** Aboard the charter boat **Nostalgia II** Vinnie Goldfinger, Ray Snaak, and Cliff Flinch scored with 22 cod at CIA, fish to 47 lbs. with three in the 40s and several in the 30s plus a couple of small guys. These were taken while drifting, with clam bait. Captain Bill of the charter boat **Alyssa Ann** with a trip for Capital Fishing Tackle of NYC rang the bell with 34 flounder up to 3 lbs. fishing Culloden on incoming tide using clam as hook bait and mussel chum. A few porgies were mixed in. On the private boat Partnership several cod up to 43 lbs. were pulled at CIA.

Cod and pollack remain strong with blues now moving in too, called in Captain Fritz Hubner of the charter boat **Mistress Too** with most action SE of Block. Sekora Monkey Tails of the orange and green variety fished on downriggers seem to be outfishing everything else. A few fish are hitting diamond jigs with tubes tied in 3 ft above.

Captain Mike Potts of the charter boats **Blue Fin I and IV** happily relates the continued excellent codfishing. On Tuesday **BF IV** had 8 pollack and 39 cod up to 49 lbs. fishing near Cartwright. Wednesday **BF I** had 10 pollack and 14 cod, cod up to 60 lbs. Most were 30 and 40 lbers. with a few rats and a few cows mixed in. Usually 25 fish will equal 800-900 lbs. Thursday morning, the **BF IV** fish ed the same spot near Cartwright for 10 pollack in 25-35 lb. class and 15 cod up to 38 lbs. On Friday, the **BF IV** fished the Fehn group from Riverhead taking 19 cod to 47 lbs. plus 6 pollack. Mike also stopped at the Point and got his first bass of the year a 24 lbers on umbrella rig plus 5 bluefish in the 3-4 lb. range. On Saturday both boats sailed with BF I taking 35 cod to 44 lbs., most fish running 25-35 lbs. BF IV had 25 cod and 1 pollack. The three largest cod went 51, 50 and 47 lbs. and the other fish were large also. A bonus was a 15 lb. bass trolled at the lighthouse on the way out. Sunday's trip for BF I saw 30 cod to 42 lbs. caught while on the BF IV the Perez group of Bayside took 18 cod to 57 lbs. A 53 lber. and a few 40 lbers and a lot of 30 lbers. were taken plus 1 pollack and 1 bass which hit umbrellas. On Monday the BF IV fishing the Aherne group of East Hampton had 35 cod and 2 pollack, cod ran to 50 lbs. Three were in the 40 lb. class and 5 were over 30 lbs.

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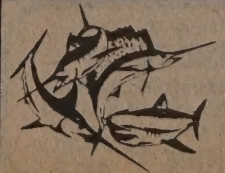

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8A.M.—5P.M. DAILY

ing 20-25 a man with pools going to 2 and 3 lbs. Sunday Massapequa angler Jim Johnson was high hook with over 20 flounder. The fish are getting a little smaller, but are plentiful. Big porgies are being taken in the fish traps but hunting is now required to find the free swimming schools. One angler had a good catch fishing between Three Mile Harbor and buoy 7. The porgies are here says the skipper it's just a matter of finding them.

Bayview Fishing Station in Sag Harbor reports nice catches of weaks and blues in quantity at Mashomak Point on wires and umbrellas. An increase in weakfish at Smith Cove and the west end of the ferry and in Noyac Bay have been noticed with a lot of damage being done with drifted Tiger Tails or chrome Tri-Fin deep swimmers, both tipped with squid. Eight to 10 lb. weaks are being caught. Blowfish are starting off Long Wharf, Long Beach and Cedar Point.

Helen at **Noyac Marina** tells us that her bay has been giving forth some fluke, weaks and blowfish with one 5½ lb. fluke being the biggest fluke of the weak. Evelyn Donnelly of Holbrook had a couple of fluke and weakfish drifting sand worms at buoy 16 and also off Long Beach.

Some blues to 12 lbs. in the surf, and some in the Heady Creek, advised Thom at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in Southampton. Some flounders and small fluke in the Basket area on worms. The canal has been quiet, as have the bays as a result of recent heavy winds. Sand worms or small whole squid have been taking weakfish. Action off Cow Neck has been very slow. Small flounders in channels and back bays. Lewis Suari and Tony Falle, Bronx, scored with 50 porgies from 3/4 to 2½ lbs. at buoy 18, Middle Grounds on clam. Blowfish on the upswing in the Shinnecock and Sag Harbor areas. Thom says the cold ocean water means sharks are still a couple of weeks away.

The first weak checked in at Noyac Marina in '82 was this 11½ lb. tiderunner taken by Lou Graziano of Noyac.

South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

EAST END BAYS & INLETS

A long dose of poor weather over the Holiday weekend restricted fishing effort in this area as well as along the rest of the South Shore. With few exceptions, fishing was not in much better form than the weather.

According to Mickey Altenkirch of **Altenkirch Tackle** in Hampton Bays, some fluke were taken in the canal over the weekend by persistent anglers. He labelled the weakfishing in the area as poor, but did add that flounder fishing continues to remain excellent at the basket area. Some big porgies being taken in Peconic Bay off of Rose's Grove with Gary Zoff weighing in a humpback of 2 pounds 9 ounces over the weekend. Mickey saw a 17 pound striper taken on live bait in the Inlet Monday AM and also knew that bluefish in the 2-4 pound class were taken on wire and umbrellas rigs at the sea buoy. Al Voltman had 17 of the choppers on Saturday.

Over at the newly opened **Molnar's Landing**, Lanny spoke of Gary Z. who aboard his **Diamond II** on Friday, had a fine mixed bag of weaks, porgies, blues and flounder. On Saturday Bob Zoltowski trolled a 10¾ pound bluefish on an umbrella rig just outside the inlet. On Monday, he used a live eel to take his first striper ever, a 26 pounder. Flounder fishing remains good on incoming water with Ralph and Dave Gentile coming up with a nice catch of fish near the Coast Guard Station.

Flounder fishing continues to hold up nicely in Moriches Bay although fluke are beginning to pressure with the winter flatties for the spotlight. Jim DeVita of **Skidmore's Fishing Station** said that incoming water has been producing good catches of flounder east and south of buoy 39 and also south of buoy 36 on worms and clam chum. To demonstrate the newly arrived fluke population, Jim told of John and Wayne Kropp who totalled 21 keepers on Friday fishing near the elbow. On Monday, Matt and John Viol combined their fishing and totalled 12 fluke and 62 flounder.

Gary over at **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** described the flounder fishing as holding up pretty well with the Elbow area (buoys 33-39) producing the best scores. Fish run ¾ to 1½ pounds with worms and chum still being the ticket. On the weekend, boats who stuck out the afternoon flood tide managed between 30 and 60 flatties apiece. David Izzy and Larry Gordon totalled 61 flounder on

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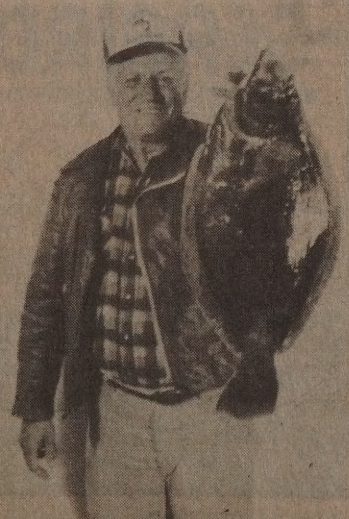

Joe Dallara of Selden with a 9.1 lb. doormat fluke caught aboard the Bay Shore open boat "Casey Lee" on 5/19/82. Joe had 13 other keepers along with the big one.

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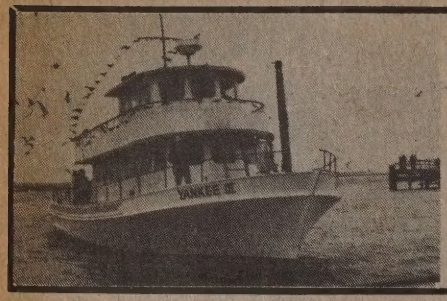

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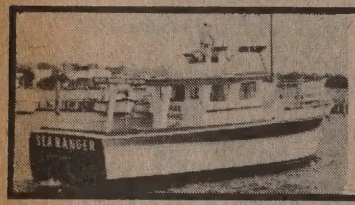

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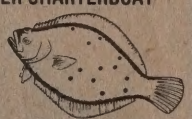

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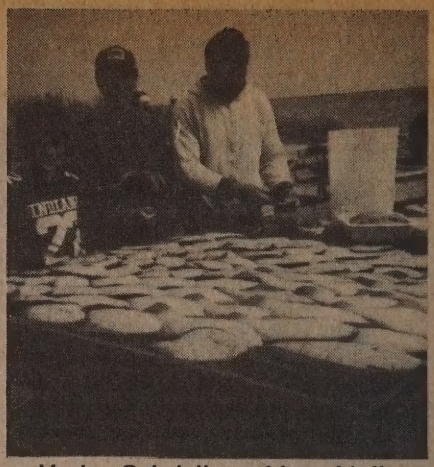

Vasko, Gabriella and Ivan Ljujic of the Bronx and their catch of over 100 flounder taken in Moriches Bay. Fishing was done out of Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station in E. Moriches.

Monday fishing the Elbow. Gary also noted the influx of fluke into the bay.

Moving over to the Mastic Beach area, the flounder fishing here also remained very worthwhile. On Sunday, Vito DiGianni and Ricky Amelio took a boat from **Stiriz's Fishing Station** and working the buoy 25 area, finished up with 80 flounder on worms and mussel chum. On Saturday, Andy Borio returned from buoy 14 with an 11 pound weak taken on a red and white Salty Dog. According to Gary of the Station, buoys 21 and 22 are producing a steady pick of nice fluke, there small blues in the Old Drain at buoy 17 and some spotty catches of blowfish and humpback porgies have made for a mixed bag.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Very good fluke fishing in the bay saved the long holiday weekend from being almost a total loss. Weakfishing remained very poor with no reason to expect that it will get any better.

Vinnie at **South Bay Fishing Station**, in W. Sayville described the weakfishing over at Ocean Beach as very sporadic. Those fish that are being taken however are big. One angler returned to the station over the weekend with a 10½ pound tide-runner taken on a strawberry jelly worm. There is a decent body of fluke in the bay with skiffs working the East Channel to Ocean Beach area with squid and sand eel combos. Small blues are also around and being taken on rigs meant for fluke and weaks. A pretty fair showing of blowfish in mid-bay off of W. Sayville.

Over at **J & R Sport Center** in Oakdale said that a 13.1 pound tiderunner remains the current leader in the shop's weakfish contest and added that the fishing in recent weeks has been very poor with most boats taking anywhere from 0-3 fish a day. Fluke fishing at this end of the bay has been fair with better fishing

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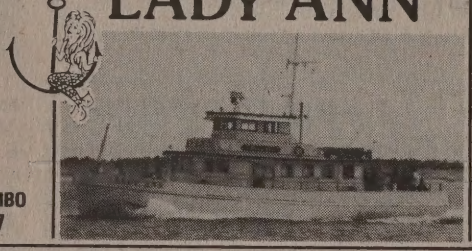

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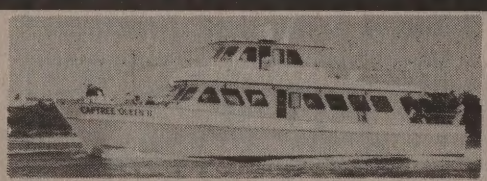

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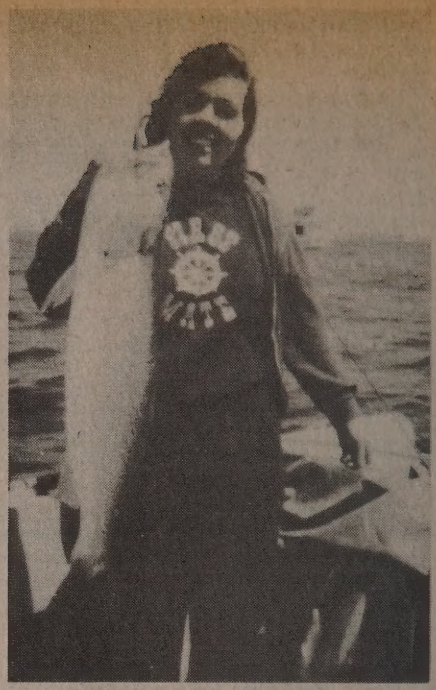

LIF subscriber Kathy Flanagan with her biggest weak ever, an 11.14 lb. tiderunner taken on 8 lb. test at Ocean Beach.

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Larry Ciccotto of the charter boat **Prime Time** fished a party from L.I. Jewish Hospital on Sunday. It was headed by Jerry Laguidice. 4-5 fish per man catches were about average with the fishing being done in the State Channel. Capt. Larry figured 80% of the fish were keepers with sand eels and squid working best but killies also taking fish.

In the Babylon area, "Poppy" of **Suffolk Marine and Tackle** told of 10-year-old Scott Hicks and his brother Chris who fished West Channel on Saturday using a "Double T" rig with a strip of squid. While most anglers in the area pulled small fluke, Scott had 3 nice fish including what is possibly the largest doormat of the season from the area. It weighed in at 10¼ pounds. Chris had 5 fluke all in the 3-4 pound class. "Poppy" labelled the current run of weakfish as poor and added that a few blues were taken outside the inlet on trolled umbrella rigs.

From **Augie's Bait and Tackle**, Ski Kochanski spoke of tough weakfishing although the Babylon Tuna Club Weakfish Contest which was run this past weekend did find enough big yellowfins to make the affair respectable. First place went to Ray Seagren with a 13.6 pounder, second place went to Al Lorenzetti with a 10.2 pounder while Lou Clemenz copped third with a 9.6 pounder. Of the fluke, Ski told of Rich Ferri, Fred Walters and Jim Michaels who put 39 keepers into Rich's **Rum & Coke** ath the bell buoy. Ski noted that flounder are still available inside the thumb

and some nice blackfish are being taken by casters working the Sore Thumb.

Babylon Captain's Assoc. boats have been working over the Great South Bay fluke population. The charter boat **Pooka V** fished members of the 73rd precinct on Saturday and put away 60 fluke fishing the State Channel west of the Babylon Cut. Fishing a party from Hearty's Pub on Saturday, the **Capt. Mick** worked between the bridge and the inlet and finished with a decent catch of fluke to 4 pounds on sand eels and squid. During the week, LIF subscriber Bob Goelz chartered the **Luci II** and after doing nothing with the weaks salvaged the trip with a few fluke.

Gil from **Capt. Jack's East** reported that flounder are still available in the pocket at the Sore Thumb and that fluking continues to improve with the keeper ratio now at about 50-50. Sam Buchman weighed in a 5 pound blackfish taken at the Sore Thumb on Friday.

Sal Legname and Conrad Guttenberger checked in 6 weakfish up to 10 pounds with Mike at **Lindenhurst Bait & Tackle** during the week. They fished West Channel with jelly worm and sand worm combos. On Thursday Pat Morazick took his first weak ever. The huge tiderunner taken at Oak Beach checked out at 12½ pounds. Joe Uss worked the State Channel with live killies to take a dozen fluke up to 5 pounds.

SOUTH OYSTER BAY

Very good blackfishing at both Wantagh and R.M. Bridges accoring to Gary of **Jonas Bait and Tackle** in Copiague. Fish are being taken on both fiddlers and green crabs and Gary reminded that he has both baits in stock. Fluke fishing in the state channel particularly to the east near Frank and Dick's has been good on killie and squid combos. Gary noted that there has been a very good showing of blowfish in the area with most of the fish good size. Some small blues being taken by flukers in the State Channel and weakfishing remains slow.

Next door in Amity Harbor, Jack Stoddard of **Capt. Jack's West** told of LIF subscriber Joe Borawski who totalled 12 keeper fluke on Saturday fishing the inlet area with sand eel and squid combos. On Friday, Bob Newbauer had 16 keepers up to 3 pounds fishing the State Channel near Captree. Blues from 2-5 pounds trolled outside the inlet in 60' of wate r on umbrella rigs.

A mixture of fluke and flounder continue to please anglers in the Seaford area. According to John Dombrowski of **Pop's Fishing Station**, blacks, sea bass and blowfish are mixed with the flounder and fluke making for a good mixed bag. Weather hurt the fishing this weekend and John labelled Sunday and Monday's results as poor. On Satur-

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day however, John Rossetti, Ed O'Keefe and Joe Cameron put away 96 flounder at Squaw Island including a huge flattie of 3½ pounds. During the week Andy Shulit returned to the station with 9 fluke up to 3½ pounds. John asked that we spread the word about the garage sale he will be holding at the station on June 5th and 6th between 10AM and 4PM. Boats, motors, trailers and gas tanks will all be available for sale.

Aboard the open boat **Chinco II**, Capt. Brian labelled the flounder fishing as fair with the best fishing coming during the first part of incoming water. Hi-hook each day has been in the 20's with the pool fish up around 2½ pounds. Some blacks, sea bass and blowfish are mixed in with each day's catch. There has been a very good showing of fluke at the inlet at Sloop Channel and in Broad Creek hence the Chinco II is now switching over to full time fluke trips.

Lon Wanser of **Wanser Bait and Tackle** in Seaford told me that 4 corners, Squaw Island and Zachs Bay still hold plenty of potential for flounder fans. Best fluking has been in Sloop Channel and through the inlet area. A surprise on Saturday was a good showing of 7-8 pound weakfish at 4 Corners. Lon heard of a couple of big bass at the bridges on bait and good blowfishing in Zachs Bay. A few puffers also showing up at Ft. Neck Pt.

Joe DiPerri of Brooklyn checked in a 10¼ pound weakfish at **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore on Sunday. Joe caught the fish to the east in West Channel. Scott of Merrick Tackle told of a good run of fluke in Reynolds Channel and at the inlet with 50% of the fluke being keepers. Still some flounder to be had in the deeper holes.

Dennis Newman and Buddy Holmes clam chummed 3 bass to 6 lbs. on Thursday morning inside Jones Inlet. Jimmy Boulakos of **Nick's Fishing Station** in Merrick who reported the catch, also told of good fluking at Merrick Point and in row boat alley. Some boats over the weekend managed 20-28 keepers a piece with spearing leading the way in the bait department. Killies were also effective. Flounder still availble in Swift Creek as demonstrated by Ray Cotty who put 38 flatties into his Ann-Joy on Sunday. Blues on umbrella rigs and spoons in 70 feet of water south of the inlet. Fish are in the 2-5 pound class.

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towards the inlet. Trout fishing in Connetquot Park surged in recent days. A number of 2-4 pound trout have been checked in. Carl Ponticello fished the park on Monday and kept 3 trout between 2 and 3½ pounds. A 7.5 pound brown trout is the current leader in the shop trout contest.

Tom Bowlin and his father fished buoy 4, West Channel on the weekend and took 3 weaks up to 11 pounds. They were checked by Ireene at **Peppy's Bait & Tackle** in East Islip. She related reports of good fluking in the inlet area, particularly near the bell buoy on killies, sandeels and squid. Peppy's stocks live killies for those looking for live bait. Ireene also knew of some blues up to 7 pounds trolled outside of the inlet on wire line and umbrella rigs.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the Bay Shore open boat **Casey Lee** has been very satisfied with the current run of fluke at West Channel. The skipper figured that ⅔ of the fish are keepers with the pool usually going to a fish in the 4 pound range. Most trips average 6-10 fish a man with high hook usually around 15. 7-year-old Kevin Bauer of Commack had 12 keepers on one trip. While lacking in numbers, the boat has been scoring with some weaks on each trip. In addition a few blues and fluke are mixed with the weaks.

While weaks may be few, those that are around are generally big fish. Calr Miller of **Smokey's Bait & Tackle** in Bay Shore had a few very respectable fish put on his scale over the weekend. Pete Puccio led the parade with a 13¾ pound tiderunner, Horatio Morris had an 11.4 pounder and Mike O'Neal had a 9.2 pound fish. Fishing the State Channel on Saturday, Carl Kouerr and Joe Kartrina took 9 weaks up to 9 pounds as well as some unusually large porgies to 2½ lbs. During the week, Elaine Dougherty of the newly formed Lady Reelers Fishing Club put a fluke of 3¾ pounds on the shop's scale. Carl also reminded that some blues are now being plugged on small Atom poppers

Dan Patria and John Scaduto made this incredible haul of 187 flounder on May 16, 1982 while fishing Moriches Bay in a skiff rented from Tadsen's Fishing Station.

in the buoy 8 area and some good fluking has been taking place in the State Channel, west of the R.M. Bridge and near the bell buoy.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen II** labelled the overall fluke picture as good but noted that they have been getting mixed results due to the weather. For example, Sunday AM was good while the fishing slowed during the afternoon trip. Monday was slow in the AM and good in the afternoon. Capt Gordon Roman told of very few weaks being caught hence a mix of fluke and weaks with a switch of fluke only by the weekend.

Aboard the **Capt. Joseph II**, Capt. Charlie Kennedy called both Saturday and Sunday's fluking very good. 18 fares on Saturday managed around 175 keepers at the inlet while on Sunday 250-300 fluke were taken. Monday's east winds and strong tides resulted in slow fishing.

Capt. Ken Higgins of the open boat **Speedy VI** reported on the results of Monday afternoon's trip for fluke at the inlet. Fishing near the bell buoy 250 keeper fluke came aboard with the high hook finishing up the day with 20 of the summer flatties. Sand eels appeared to have an edge in the bait department according to the skipper.

Aboard Ron Peter's Captree charter boat **Yankee III** on Friday, a group of anglers from the Bay Shore school district accounted for over 250 flounder at the Sore Thumb. On

Western South Shore Report

by Stu Miller

WEST END BAYS & INLETS

Fluke is the name of the game here, Gentlemen. A lot of throwbacks, but also a heck of a lot of keepers.

Starting with the boats from Freeport, the charter boat **Lady J III** had the Holy Name Society, Hollis, out Saturday with good fluking in local creeks, Reynolds Channel and Jones Inlet. The pool fish hit 3½ lbs. Wednesday's charter for Lumber Headquarters, Floral Park, also did nicely on fluke in Reynolds Channel. Wednesday's trip for B&N Fuel Oil, Valley Stream had good fluking in the afternoon. Saturday's trip for Old Forge Tavern, Bayside and Sunday's trip for J.H. Shon group of NYC both saw good fluking action with plenty of keepers. On Memorial Day the boat ran 3 separate fluke trips and caught well through all tides. Sand eels, spearing and squid all connected.

The **Capt. Lou Fleet** now has its full day and half day boat fluking. The early part of the week was picky on flounder and all trips would end with a couple of drifts for fluke. Finding a goodly number of keepers on each drift, the switch-over from flounder was made. The **CL III** had 32 keeper fluke on Thursday afternoon's trip in one short drift.

Freeport Boatmen's Association reports the flounder is still strong and the fluke are really in stride. The Association boats had good catches of flounder fishing between the Meadowbrook and Wantagh bridges iwth a good scattering of blackfish also. A 7½ lb. black was caught aboard the **Capt. II**. The Association boats that fluked this week had an excellent time with a 50 percent keeper ratio. Pool fish generally ran in the 4-4½ lb. range, with Reynolds Channel producing best. We note with regret the passing over the weekend of Captain Lindy of the charter boat Corsair out of the FBA Dock. The skipper passed away peacefully at home on Saturday. A more detailed obituary will follow in a subsequent issue.

Super Spray II on its Memorial Day cod wreck trip had a great day with over 200 cod. There were some 50 lbers. plus many 40 and 30 lbers. along with pollack to 30 lbs. Late in the day, diamond jigs were employed against bluefish weighing in at 17-20 lbs. The next offshore cod wreck trip will be on Father's Day, June 20. Call early for reservations.

The **Aloma II** had good fluking Friday and Sunday with 4-10 keeper fluke a man, fish to 3 lbs. On Monday, catches averaged 4-5 keeper fluke a man. Quite a few throwbacks, noted skipper Paul "Spider" Schmidt. These are mainly 2-3 lb. fish with the boat working Reynolds Channel and Jones Inlet on sand eels, squid and spearing.

Bottom fishing has been a mixed bag says Captain Richie of the **Starstream II** with catches of sea bass, ling, cod, fluke and blackfish being caught for his customers. The skipper is looking forward to a very good bluefish season and there is a main body of choppers at Farms now. The boat will be bluefishng by the time you read this report. Many reports are coming in on bluefish along our south shore by trollers and diamond jiggers so it definitely looks like a jumping bluefish season ahead.

The **Bluefin Fleet** on Monday fished the Hempstead Police Department and had good flounder action with fish to 2 lbs. from State channel, Swift creek and the CG station. Pool winner was Warren Heller. High hook honors went to Warren Haacke with 23 flatties. A mid-week trip for the Marion Street School, Lynbrook saw lots of smaller flounder caught by the 5th graders on their annual trip. Saturday was another productive trip for flounder at the CG station, fish to 2½ lbs. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Monticelli of East White Plains were high hook with a combined total of 24 flounder. A Skillful Angling Award was won by Bill Oliver of Greenburg, NY with a 2½ lb. flattie. Sunday was the start of the bluefishing season with the boats

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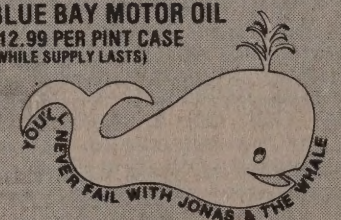

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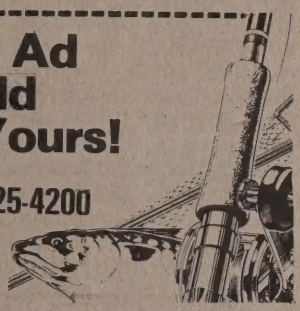

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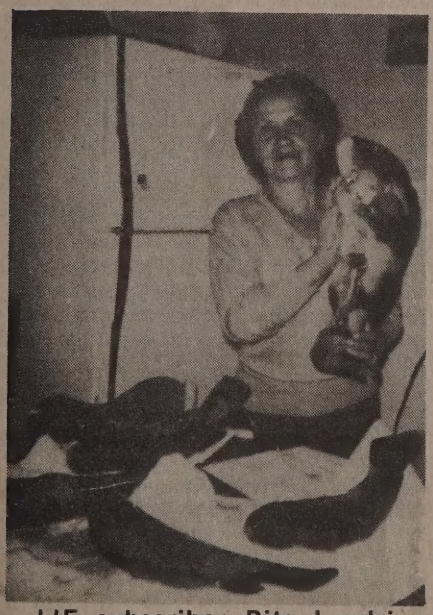

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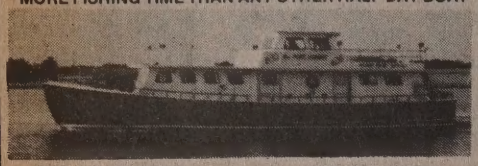

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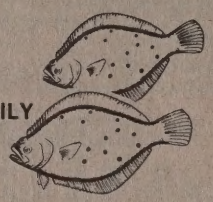

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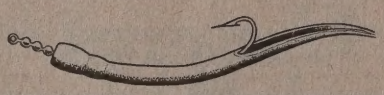

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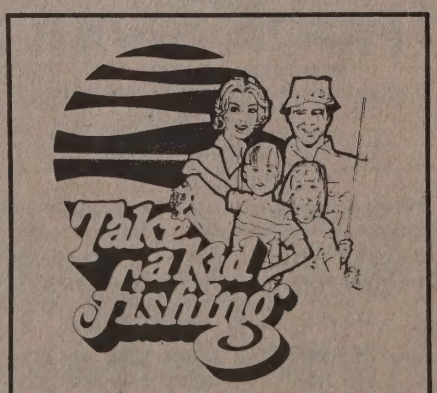

National Fishing Week
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fishing locally with moderate success. Working along the south beach, 70 cocktail blues to 4 lbs. were taken. Jim the Knife of the High Hook Fishing Club was high hook.

Most of our boats are fluking, was the word from **Anthony's Fishing Station** with catches being taken from Fundy Bay and the short beach area on squid, killies and spearing. A 4 lb. blackfish was taken by one customer at the Meadowbrook bridge on green crabs. Flounder is fair, but tapering.

Lots of bluefish around said Captain mike of the **Apus Charter Fleet**. Saturday's charter had 2-5 lb. blues in quantity west of Deb's with one fish running 14 lbs. This was in 45' -50' of water fishing umbrellas on downriggers. On Sunday, the **Apus I** with Captain Tony at the wheel worked Swift Creek for a good catch of flounder to 1½ lbs. on worms. Captain Mike on the **Apus II** split the day between fluke and blues. Fluking was fair and the blues were fair to good. Monday was an all day flounder trip at the Meadowbrook bridge area and a decent catch was made up to 2¼ lbs. Over in Baldwin, Jan at **Thompson's Deli**, called to say that the private boat Gardner I out of Milburn Creek caught 10 fat flounder in Swift Creek on worms on an outgoing tide on Sunday. Also good for flounder was buoys 17, 18 and 19 in Reynolds Channel. Bill Fix on his boat Afternoon Delight hoisted 6 keeper fluke near Guy Lombardo's and Bill also tossed back quite a few midgets. Mike at **Arthur St. Fishing Station** reported good fluking from the Reynolds Channel, Loop and Meadowbrook bridge areas on sand eels and squid. Some blowfish were caught too. Flounder have been fair this past week and though few, they are very fat. Garretts Lead and pole 17 in Reynolds have been productive.

Over at Point Lookout, the charter boat **Marie III** had excellent fluking Saturday in Reynolds, from the east end thereof to the Golf course. Flood tide was best. 250-350 fluke were brought up, 40 percent of which were keepers with squid, sand eels and spearing doing the job. Sunday's charter for Post Fishing Club, Lindenhurst also fished Reynolds and Garretts Lead and some of Freeport's back creeks. They lifted over 200 fluke, 40 percent being keepers, including a 4 lb. pool winner caught by Seymour (no last name).

Thursday morning's fluke trip had a high hook of 14 fish, according to Captain Bill Lindroth of the **Capt. Bill** who is sailing his two half-day trips daily. Frank Hershkowitz of Oceanside was the happy angler. Jim Simondet of Rockville Centre, had 12 keeper fluke on the afternoon trip high hook was 15 keeper fluke for Merrick angler Dick Brower. On Friday, John Ongiaru of Wantagh had 12 keepers. Fluking was very good during the week and Saturday but Sunday and Monday were tought due to so many boats being out. Reynolds was the place. Sand eels and fish belly

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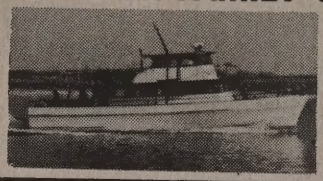

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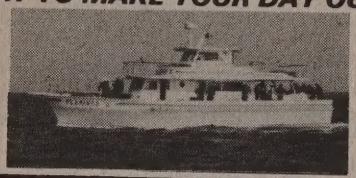

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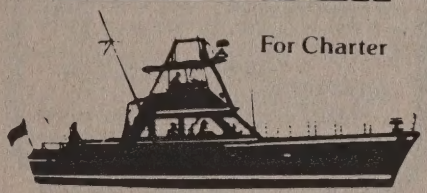

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On Saturday, yours truly and Greg (the unstumpable) Nisito the local Shakespeare Rep hopped aboard Greg's 17' Boston Whaler and bopped blackfish at the T wreck, fish going from 1½ to 4 lbs. on green crabs.

Fluking held up well right through Monday, reported **Ed's Fishing Station,** considering all the boat traffic. On the weekend the rentals averaged 10-15 keeper fluke a boat. Tuesday through Friday the average was more like 20 keepers per boat. Middle Bay and the flats are producing more quantities of fish for slow trollers. From the station to the golf course are the larger fish on killies, squid, spearing and sand eels. Still lots of flounder at CG station and the rock pile just west of the Meadowbrook bridge. Blacks a good item at the Meadowbrook when it's quiet and at the T-wreck. Four-five miles south of the inlet school blues are being trolled on tubes.

Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** had three 4½ lb. fluke weighed in Sunday and Monday on killies and spearing. Lots of action between the Station and the Loop bridge with all around the highs being best. Some nice 4-5 lb. blackfish on the T-wreck on fiddlers and green crabs. Forty-two flounder was the two day total for Tony the flounder king Friday and Saturday. He fished buoy 14 at Jones Inlet/Reynolds junction with blood worms and

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Further to the west in Island Park, Captain Clem of the **Commodore** enjoyed super great fluking during the week as the fish were feeding ferociously. Frank and Ellen Hershkowitz on Wednesday had 66 keeper fluke. On Tuesday, they had 56 keepers. Frank returned alone on Friday and had 25 more himself. Rain hurt the weekend, but things were good off Riis Park late Monday and that's where Clem has his eyes trained now. Saturday, Sunday and Monday his fares picked away and averaged 6-8 keeper fluke a man. Fluke belly caught best.

Beckman's Tackle in Lynbrook notes that the fluking has become very good all throughout Reynolds Channel with a lot of throwbacks but also a lot of keepers on sand eels, squid and spearing. He actually saw several 3½ lbers. weighed in and heard of some 6 lbers. being taken. Excellent fluking said Charlie. Also some good sized bass in the 40s being trolled on large spoons and big Danny plugs in 25' to 30' of water. THis from a reliable source. This is off the pink hotel in Long Beach.

Further west in Long Beach we find out from **Long Beach Sports Marina** that fluking has been excellent at buoys 3 and 9, Duck Point and Debs. Best has been the last 2 hours of the flood on sand eels and spearing. Skiffs are averaging 15 keeper fluke per day. Some blues and bass for those bucktailing at the Tin Can.

NEW YORK BIGHT

The word from **Skippy's Bait and Tackle** in East Rockaway is of course that lots of fluke of the keeper variety are being taken in Reynolds and Hog Channels. A lot of throwbacks are also being caught. A 4 lb. fluke was taken at Bay Park. Sand eels, killies and squid strips are all working. A 24 lb. striper was taken Monday morning on a white jelly worm in Jones Inlet.

Further west in Jamaica Bay, **J Bay Boat Rentals** tells of some fluke being taken at the opening of Mott's Basin, drifting towards the airport on spearing and live killies. Some big blackfish from 3-5 lbs. taken on bloodworms at buoy 23. Also some striped bass have been trolled on June Bug spinners with blood worms trailers. These are schoolie bass taken on the grassy side of JFK.

The word out of **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** in Howard Beach is that Rich Vicso, Woodhaven, bagged a 10 lb. 1 oz. weak on a Hopkins fishing the Pumpkin Patch. Don Keller of Broad Channel took a 15 lb. 12 oz. blue near the North Channel bridge fishing fresh dead bunker. Jason Ogden of Broad Channel had 17 blues to 17 lbs. 1 oz. fishing off the North Channel bridge with bunker chunks. A 30 lb. striper was taken off the 92nd st. Beach at Rockaway by an unidentified angler probably fishing chunk bunker or a live eel.

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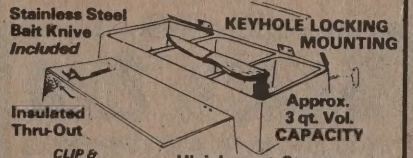
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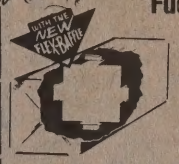

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Over in Sheepshead Bay, Captain Tom of the **Pilot II** the area's blackfish specialist has been getting lots of blacks from 1-6 lbs. mostly on fiddlers and also on green crabs plus quite a few sea bass from 1-1½ lbs. and a scattering of ling. Catches have been good all week, except for one day that had no wind or tide. Please note the boat's ad elsewhere in LIF for change in the afternoon schedule.

Fluking has been good to excellent reports Captain Walt Wiegand of the **Flamingo III**...no disappointments. Friday saw one passenger with 33 keeper fluke. Pools are going 3½-5 lbs. Average fluke are better than last year's variety...fewer midget. Ninety percent are keepers. Sand eels are the top producing bait. The boat is fishing the red side of Ambrose and the Rockaways. Please note that all tickets are sold for Saturday, June 5. The boat will start bluefishing, Sunday, June 6.

Friday and Saturday were excellent reports the **Zephyr** on the red side of Ambrose for fluke. Sunday was very good on Tin Can and the Coney Island flats for fluke to the tune of 5-25 keepers a man. Sunday had a 6 lb. pool winning fish. This was for Larry Aloia of Brooklyn who also had 34 other fluke on sand eels and spearing.

Charter boat **Daybreaker** fished 6 out of 7 days this last week and with anywhere from 2-4 men the boat totalled 450 bluefish for the week, fishing from Manhattan Beach to Norton's Point and most recently at Rockaway jetty. Umbrella trolling and diamond jigging is the ticket with fish averaging 3 lbs. and a few 10-12 lbers. at Norton's Point. The skipper advises that blues are also being caught north of the Klondike.

Artie, one of the Sheepshead Bay mates speaking from **Stella Maris Bait and Tackle** advised that plenty of blues from 2-4 lbs. were being umbrellaed and diamond jigged at Shoal Bay, the jetty and Manhattan Beach, also off Coney Island and at the Tin Can. A few bass mixed in. A few weakfish in the back on sand worm and shrimp. Fishing very good in Debs, off Coney Island flats and off Riis Park. Fish ranging from just keepers to 3 lbers. Good blackfishing at the bridges and rocks.

Across the briny in Staten Island, Kevin at **Santos Sport Shop** tells of good bluefishing from Great Kills to South Beach, fish up to 15 lbs. but averaging 10 lbs. Catches being made from the beach on plugs and chunk bunker, all times and tides. Some bass to 15 lbs. off Penny Beach and Annandale on bunker. Fluke making a showing inside the hook and at the lighthouses. Weaks mixed in with blues on plugs and bunker. Flounder almost gone from S.I.

North Shore Report

by Marty Garrell

WESTERN SOUND

After a burst of mackerel one week ago, the situation settled down to the usual one for this time of year . . . spring blackfish action with a smattering of porgies and some flounder.

Pete Pearson tells us that the **Klondike VII** found fishing to be picky at times on the bottom, but generally fairly good. He notes that he'll be boatless for a while after June 7 when his new 90-footer is getting readied for her maiden voyages in July.

A showing of blues in deep water outside Mamaroneck provided action for trollers and chunk fishermen in the New Rochelle area, according to **John's**. Picking on school bass has been quite good for worm trollers.

City Island waters were good for local blackfish in large sizes. John DiCuffa saw an 11¼ pound tautog weighed in at **Jack's Bait & Tackle**. Party boats were working porgies around Center Island, and some bass to 5 pounds were also reported.

On the **Apache**, Dom Cerbone liked the porgies at the mouth of Oyster Bay on weekdays when traffic was reduced, but went off to the Norwalk Islands for flounder and blacks in the 2-5 pound class over the weekend. A smorgasbord of fiddlers, clams, and worms is a good idea.

The **Ebb Tide** had a couple of good days with frequent shots of porgies, but the flounder action off Lloyds and Northport was even more reliable. If you stood out in the rain over the weekend, said Ed Heilemann, you caught fish. Heilemann expects to start on blues in a week or ten days.

In the Glen Cove Area, Frank Ackley of the **Tarpon** suggested that the blackfish action around Buoy 21 and the Piping Rock Club produced only small numbers of fish to 5 pounds.

Joe Fink found some good porgy action on the **Lady Lil** through Friday around Lloyd's in 20' of water, but he settled for a few blacks and flounder after things truned off over the weekend. On Saturday, J. Lizza settled for 35 porgies, Carl DiBella won Sunday's pool with a 6 pound blackfish, and Paul McCabe came home $52. richer on Monday, thanks to another 6 pound tautog. Next week, Fink expects to be heading down to the Norwalk Islands for some very productive bottom fishing.

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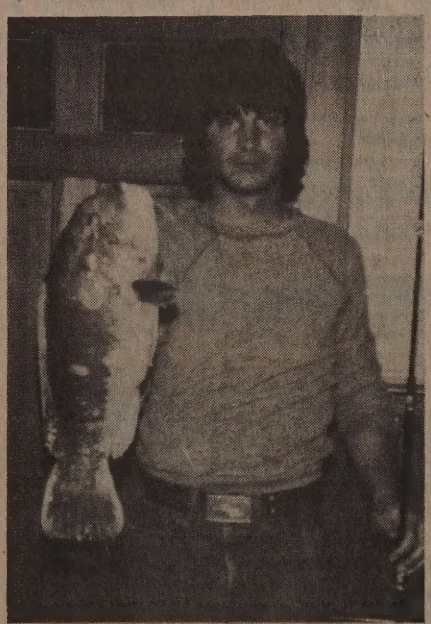

Bob Verga took this 6.5 lb. blackfish from the beach in Huntington. He checked it in at George Valentine's Four Winds Bait & Tackle.

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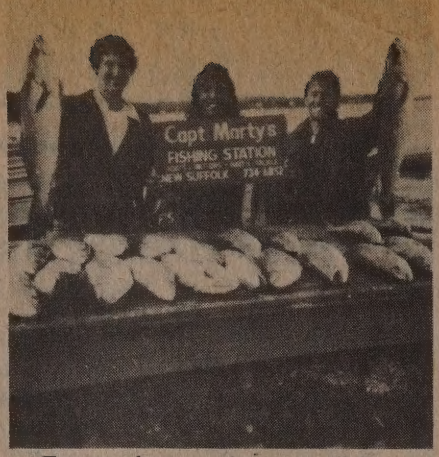
around the corner, but the flounder action to the East is stealing most of the thunder from scup fans. Meanwhile in the Sound everything seems to be breaking out at once, with blues, weaks and fluke competing for attention with the spring blackfish and remaining flounder.

Beach anglers around Mattituck and Cutchogue were seeing blues around 3 pounds on 1½ ounce Kastmasters according to Ed Kopack at **Warren's'**. There were also mumbles about a few bass in the Gut. The **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** saw a really good weekend on blackfish off Coopers Rock and flounder and sea bass on the bottom to the west. The first fluke ranging from 12 in trowbacks to skinny 2 pound keepers were mixed with windowpanes and chasing sandeels around Mattituck Inlet.

Further east, the **Blue Albatross** experienced a Sunday bonanza after picking on flounder at Petty's for much of the week. Blackfish to 8 pounds are the usual pool fish. On Sunday, Jeff Muller was high hook with 17 flatties, and Joe Mauro won the pool. On a Saturday charter, Al Goldberg's group took up to 25 flatties per person above 2 pounds around Petty's.

Roddy DeLisle called to say that the **Prowler** had a super day on Sunday off Gardiner's on flounder, blacks, and porgies for the Walter Rukiewitz party. Also participating in the torrid Gardiner's scene was Dave Brennan's **Peconic Star**. Brennan said that the fishing off Green Hills and Bostick was unbelievable with no small fish.



Twenty-four weaks up to 10 lbs. taken on jelly worms and squid strips at Nassau Point by Bob Miskiewicz, Frank Zampardi and Douglas Pospisil. The trio fished out of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station in New Suffolk.

Crowds of 35 are smiling from ear to ear, and Brennan will remanin on the flatties for another week, at least.

In the Bay, to the east, Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** claims that Hay Beach and Dering Point are good for weakfish on incoming, if anglers will only use the proper high hook, long-leadered rigs and mix squid strips with sandworms.

George Porter of the **Brand X** feels that the porgies are waiting to break loose. He's been fishing the Middle Grounds and places to the south, and finding sea bass and blackfish along with the big Peconic porgies. There are more and more scup in more and more places now. Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** has sent boats all over from Rose's to Jessups to South Ferry with good results. Some of the scup are giants to 4 pounds.

Sal Loria at **Captain Marty's** looked at a lot of porgies to 2 pounds along with a few blackfish in the slot off the steps and between the Middle Grounds and the tower, and up close to buoy 25. As long as you chum, it's a good pick.

Daytime weaks are few for most anglers, but a couple come aboard most everywhere anglers are searching for scup.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

The most reliable bottom action now seems to be on spring blackfish, but there is a smattering of just about everything else around. Porgies just haven't solidified yet.

A typical report for the area came from the Huntington stations. Bob Schneider weighed a 9½ pound tautog at **Four Winds Tackle**. Fiddlers were the key to success around Buoy 13. Worm trollers were chasing bass in Cold Spring Harbor and around Marshall Field.

But some of the big bass were making news, too, for those who fished live bunker. Craig Salomone weighed a 37 pound striper at **Huntington Prop** on Wednesday. Frank Figuero, from his Boston Whaler docked in Huntington, plugged bass of 6, 8 and 15 pounds on poppers Thursday night, working the target rock area on 1st of an ebbing tide. Bunker are all over Huntington Harbor, says Frank, with small bass showing at the light house and bigger bass at Eaton's Neck.

Ronnie Ferraro at **Ronnie's** saw some big porgies off Buoy 6, Callahan's, and Eaton's with some of the best tautog action around 11B and the regular spots.

Flybys were also in the news, however briefly. Packy Collins of the **Ever Ready** loaded up on mackerel east of Eaton's on Saturday when the bottom fishing slowed. (Things did come back pretty well on Sunday, when fares produced 8-12 fish per person to 6 pounds.) The most interesting transients of the week, however, were the shad taken in Huntington Bay by anglers using small Hopkins and tin. Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in Northport said that anglers were looking for macs between Hobart Beach and Target Rock when the acrobatic shad surfaced.

Fishermen using whiptails were seeing a lot of school bass around the Lilco plant with blackfish off the Northport Coast Guard Station and Makamha.

Nick Manzari said that the **Speedy VII** will be switching from half day flounder trips inside Eaton's to 8AM

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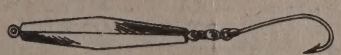
full day shot at the tautog.

The **Caraftis Station** in Port Jefferson liked the blackfish action around Oldfield and Crane's Neck. Bluefish could be found around buoy 11 in the morning, and the first catch of 8 fluke were reported. Also from Port Jeff, John Fisher was smiling about a very good catch of big porgies on Saturday, and both the **Aqua-Gem** and the **Captain Hank** were banging on blackfish around Shoreham. Hank Olsen saw some tautog to 7½ pounds on sandworms with some crab baits off the pipeline.

Ralph's in Mount Sinai liked the mix of bottom fish of White Beach, Miller Place, with nice porgies and flounder along with the tautog. Dick Brown at **Dick's** warned that beach anglers should be prepared for everything, including mackerel. The zone around Miller Place provides a hot bottom and worms are a good bet. Most of the bass in the area are 5-7 pounds with a smattering of weaks and blues, too.



Surf Report

by Fred Golofaro

While the overall surf picture has been clouded by a couple of recent easterly blows, there were some smiling faces around the island this week.

Staten Island surfmen have been cashing in on a good run of big blues. According to Kevin Koncelik of **Santo's Sport Shop**, the fish average 10-12 pounds. Both bunker chunks and popping plugs have been accounting for the choppers with an occasional big weak also being taken on the bunker chunks. A few bass are around but most of the cows being checked in are coming from the Brooklyn side. Chris Sciabarra and Joseph Masini both of Brooklyn, made the rounds through several western Long Island beaches early Saturday morning before returning to their backyard at Ft. Tilden. It was here that the two casters wound up with a half dozen weaks and bass including a 30 pound striper for Joseph. The pair fished outgoing water and took both weaks and bass on herring chunks and sandworms.

Reports of a few bass and blues being taken at Breezy Point are filtering down the grapevine. Also, a reliable report that a few big stripers are falling to surfmen fishing cut bait from the Rockaway jetties.

Inveterate surfcaster Jason Colby of Long Beach took bass of 43 and 30 pounds in the Point Lookout-Jones Beach area during the course of last weeks fishing. He also had a couple of big bluefish taken on cut bait.

A pair of Seaford area surfmen, "Redbeard" and George Mannino accounted for several school bass and a few 7-8 pound class weaks over the weekend at Gilgo according to Lon Wanser at **Wanser's Tackle Shop**. Both the bass and weaks were taken on sandworms.

Word also out that some bass in the 20-30 pound class are being taken on sandworms at Cedar Beach and Democrat Point as well as at Gilgo. Rumors of a 53 pound cow taken somewhere around this area but I was unable to get any confirmation on the fish.

Tom Hauser checked in a 23.10 pound striper at **Augie's Bait & Tackle** on Sunday morning. It was taken on a sand worm.

Out in Montauk, Johnny Kronuck, Sr., up on a visit from Florida, spoke of enough action at the point to wet the appetites of Montauk Surfmen. He knew of several bass from 17 to 28 pounds taken on darters and bottle plugs at Jones', Scotts and under the light. One caster had 2 blues of 9 and 12 pounds under the light on Thursday night.

Up on the north shore, Ronnie Ferraro of **Ronnie's Bait and Tackle** in Huntington spoke of a couple of weaks in the 4-6 pound range along with occasional blues and bass at Makamah and Caumsett. Tri-fin eel worms and 5½ inch jointed rebels are being used to take the fish.

Stan of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** told me that school bass continue to be picked along local beaches on Rebels, Tri-fin spoon jigs and Tri-fin whiptails. Steve Bunai had a 12 pound striper fishing near Mt. Sinai while one of the local regulars known as Mario clicked with 3 weaks from 6-8 pounds and one blue early Friday morning on a whiptail. He fished near Broadway Beach.

From **Warren's Bait and Tackle** in Aquebogue, Ed Kopchak spoke of some small blues and a few sea bass being taken off of local beaches being taken on small tins and Rebel plugs.

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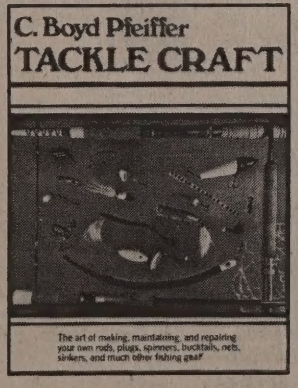
by C. Boyd Pfeiffer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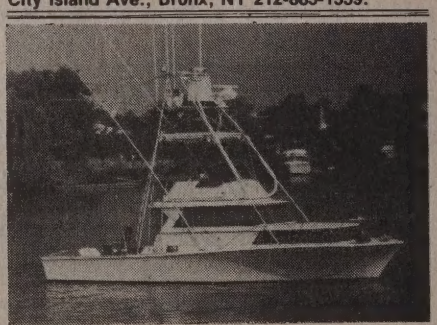

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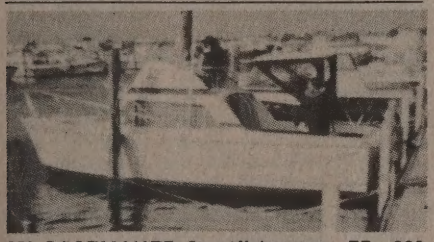

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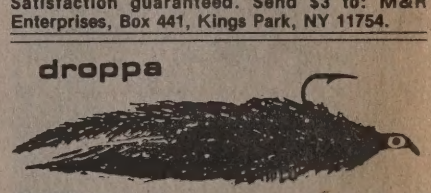

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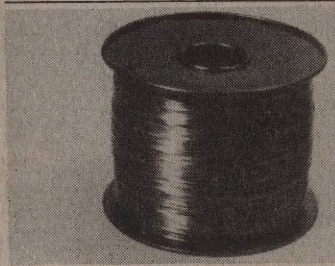

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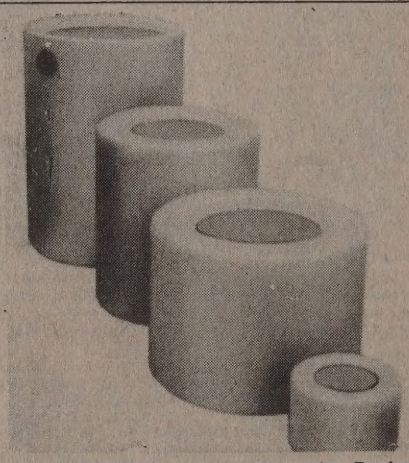

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High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet...–0 50" is listed under "ON SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THUR.	6:25	6:50	7:20	7:45	7:05	7:30	8:15	8:30	10:40	10:55	10:05	10:20	6:15	6:35	6/3
FRI.	7:10	7:30	8:05	8:25	7:50	8:10	8:55	9:05	11:25	11:35	10:45	11:00	6:55	7:15	6/4
SAT.	7:50	8:10	8:45	9:00	8:35	8:50	9:35	9:40	–	12:05	11:25	11:35	7:40	8:00	6/5
SUN.	8:30	8:45	9:25	9:35	9:15	9:25	10:10	10:15	12:15	12:45	–	12:05	8:20	8:40	6/6
MON.	9:05	9:20	10:00	10:10	9:55	10:00	10:50	10:50	12:40	1:15	12:15	12:45	9:00	9:20	6/7
TUE.	9:45	9:55	10:40	10:50	10:35	10:35	11:30	11:30	12:55	1:35	12:50	1:20	9:45	10:00	6/8
WED.	10:25	10:35	11:20	11:30	11:20	11:15	–	12:10	1:15	1:55	1:30	2:00	10:25	10:40	6/9
THUR.	11:05	11:15	11:55	–	–	12:05	12:10	12:55	1:50	2:25	2:05	2:40	11:10	11:25	6/10

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehoboth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	–0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	–0 03
Saugatuck River	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rocheele	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	–0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

6/4	5:25	8:32
6/5	5:25	8:32
6/6	5:25	8:33
6/7	5:24	8:33
6/8	5:24	8:34
6/9	5:24	8:34
6/10	5:24	8:35

Moonrise/Moonset

6/4	6:33PM	4:26AM
6/5	7:32PM	4:57AM
6/6	8:29PM	5:31AM
6/7	9:24PM	6:10AM
6/8	10:14PM	6:54AM
6/9	11:00PM	7:43AM
6/10	11:41PM	8:37AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
6/21	6/28	6/6	6/14

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SOLUNAR TABLES

When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original ***KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES.*** Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	3:15	**9:15**	3:25	**9:40**
Fri.	3:55	**10:00**	4:10	**10:20**
Sat.	4:35	**10:40**	4:50	**11:00**
Sun.	5:15	**11:20**	5:30	**11:45**
Mon.	6:00	—	6:25	**12:15**
Tues.	6:55	**12:40**	7:20	**1:05**
Wed.	7:45	**1:35**	8:15	**2:00**
Thurs.	8:35	**2:25**	9:05	**2:50**

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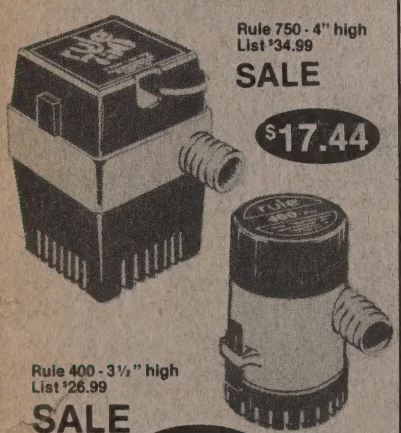

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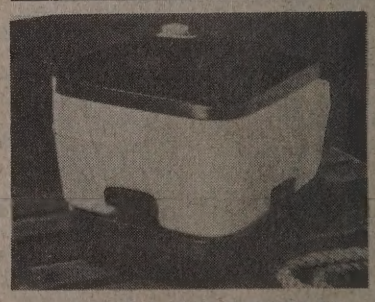

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